Rivers Minor Hockey Affiliate Player (AP) Policy

1.1 ***As Per the Hockey MB Rules Section 45 G):***
Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues. Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues. For Regional play-offs leading to Provincials and Provincials, teams may use affiliates to a maximum of 19 players. Minimum of six regular players must be on game sheet.

1.1.1 Minor Hockey players rostered in Rivers Minor Hockey are permitted up to a **maximum of 8 games** as an affiliate player.

1.1.2 The **8 game** maximum is the cumulative total of ALL exhibition, tournament, league play, league playoffs, provincial playdowns, and provincial tournaments.

1.1.3 AP's are NOT to be used for a competitive advantage. In the spirit of the rule, AP's are intended to fill roster spots due to absent players to facilitate the game play.

1.1.4 Exceeding the 8 game maximum requires an application to and approval by the Rivers Minor Hockey executive.

1.1.5 Players **must** attend their regular teams game/practice/tournament first, If they skip to attend a AP event they will be penalized. The penalty will be the event will count double towards the players AP game maximum.

1.2 Players must affiliate from a lower category within the same age division. If affiliating from a lower age division, player must affiliate from an equal or lower category. Teams may add eligible affiliate players to supplement their rosters as follows:

a) U11 & U13: up to 13 skaters and 2 goalies
b) U15 and U18: up to 15 skaters and 2 goalies

Teams first ask must be teams in same age category before going to younger age groups. (**When age groups are tiered)**

Example: U13 Gold eligible AP's from U13 Silver, U13 Bronze or U11 Gold,Silver,Bronze. .
Example: U11 Silver eligible AP's from U11 Bronze OR U9 Silver, U9 Bronze.
Example: U9 Bronze eligible AP's from U7 teams from within your home association.

1.3 A team of a higher division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the coach and then the parent with which the affiliated player is registered.

1.3.1 AP requests MUST follow the following steps:

STEP 1: The head coach of the team requesting the AP shall contact the head coach of the team with where the player is rostered. If granted permission, proceed to step 2. **If the answer is no; do NOT proceed to step 2.**

STEP 2: The requesting coach may contact the parents.

1.4 Eligible AP's participating in a game with a team outside of their rostered team **must indicate "AP (1 of 8)" on the game sheet** for game 1, and MUST continue in this manner "AP (2 of 8)", "AP (3 of 8)", "AP (4 of 8)", "AP (5 of 8), etc" for all teams in which they participate as an eligible AP.

1.5 It is the responsibility of the Head Coach or team manager to:

A) **Ensure the player is eligible when a request occurs.** Players can move to a higher tier within the same age category. U11 bronze to U11 Silver or U13 Silver to U13 Gold as examples. OR a player can move from a lower age category to a higher age category but **MUST** be in the same tier or lower. U11 bronze to U13 bronze, U11 silver to U13 Silver, and U11 gold to U13 gold as examples.

B) **Keep track of the number of games each player has participated as an AP.**

C) **Notify your executive when a player on your roster has reached the maximum 8 games.**

1.6 Requests for unlimited AP or a variance of the 8 game rule, must be submitted to the Rivers Minor Hockey Executive and approved by the executive.