



<b>Policy Name:</b> <b>Registration to Multiple Teams</b>		<b>Date of Approval</b> May 30, 2026	<b>Effective Date:</b> May 30, 2026
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## 1. Preamble

Hockey Canada Regulation D permits players **not competing in regional or team championships** to be registered to multiple teams in a season.

This policy establishes the framework for how multiple registrations are permitted within Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO).

This policy applies **only** to multiple registrations. It does **not** modify or replace affiliation rules.

## 2. Application of Policy

### 2.1 Divisions & Categories Not Permitted

Multiple registrations are **not permitted** for:

- Junior A and AAA teams (Hockey Canada Regulation M.3).
- Junior B teams.
- Bona Fide AA teams declared under HNO Regulation C.3(c).

### 2.2 Divisions & Categories Permitted

Multiple registrations are permitted under the following conditions:

- Teams at the **A level or lower**, declared under HNO Regulation C.3(d), may register players to multiple teams **within the same association**.
- Multiple registrations **between different minor hockey associations** are not permitted.
  - **Exception:** If an association has only **one team** in an age division **and is not eligible to affiliate**, it may use this policy **only with the closest neighbouring association**.
  - “Closest” refers to the **nearest HNO-sanctioned association by travel distance**, and this must be documented by the association.
- Women and Girl players may continue to register with both an HNO association and an OWHA association in the same season.



- Players must meet Hockey Canada age requirements for U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, or U21.
- Players eligible for U7 are **not eligible** for multiple registration.

### 3. Priority Use of Affiliates (U13 and Above)

For **U11\***, **U13**, **U15**, **U18**, and **U21**, the following rule applies:

- **Affiliates must be used as the first option** before any multiple-team registration is considered.
- Multiple registration may only be used when:
  - No eligible affiliate is available, or
  - The affiliate structure cannot meet the team's operational needs.

**U11\*** refer to “U9 Pathway/Jamboree”, paragraph 7 for affiliation eligibility.

Associations must document the rationale when multiple registration is used instead of affiliation.

### 4. Responsibilities of Associations and Coaches

To ensure consistent and appropriate use of this policy:

- Associations and coaches are **responsible for understanding, applying, and complying** with all HNO by-laws, regulations, and policies related to multiple registration.
- Associations must ensure that any multiple registration **does not violate or attempt to circumvent** HNO rules.
- Coaches must ensure that player selection, usage, and movement under this policy are **fair, transparent, and compliant**.
- Associations may impose **stricter internal limits** on multiple registrations if they choose.

### 5. Misuse or Deviation

Any misuse of this policy—intentional or unintentional—may result in:

- **Immediate loss of access** to the Registration to Multiple Teams policy for the team or association.
- **Immediate removal** of the player's eligibility for multiple registration.
- Additional sanctions as determined by the Minor Committee or HNO Board.

Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Selecting a player from a non-closest association when 2.2 applies.
- Using multiple registration to bypass affiliation requirements (U13+).
- Any attempt to gain competitive advantage contrary to the intent of the policy.

### 6. Team Composition Limits

All teams must comply with Hockey Canada's maximum roster size of **20 players**.