

**POLICY 7
AFFILIATE PLAYERS AND PICK-UPS**

7.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this section 6, Affiliate Players and Pick-Ups, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Affiliate player (AP)" shall mean a player who is eligible to play on their own registered team plus one other team of a higher age division and/or tier.
- (b) "Affiliating team" shall mean the team selecting an affiliate player.
- (c) "Regular team" shall mean the team on which the affiliate player is registered as a full-time member.
- (d) "Pick-Up" shall mean a player that temporarily participates with another team in order to fill a roster for a game or practice.

7.2 Affiliate Players

- 7.2.1 Teams in the U14, U16 and U19 divisions only are permitted to affiliate players. SRA's Pick-Up Policy for games and practices for U8, U10, U12 and 18+ is set out in 7.3
- 7.2.2 U14-U19 B teams can supplement with APs to a maximum roster size of 13 skaters and 2 goalies (e.g., if a team's regular roster is 11 skaters and a goalie, they can have 2 skater APs and 1 goalie AP).
- 7.2.3 SRA's Affiliate Policy is for the purpose of governing affiliate activities with SRA only. For Provincials, Western Canadian Ringette Championships (WCRCs) and Canadian Ringette Championships (CRCs), the Ringette Saskatchewan, WCRC and CRC policies pertaining to APs shall apply.
- 7.2.4 Affiliating teams may only select APs from eligible divisions and tiers as outlined in the chart below. AP options for A/AA teams align with WCRC or CRC policies.

Division/Tier – Affiliating Team	Division/Tier – Eligible Affiliate Player
U14A	U14B
U14AA	U14A; U14B
U16B	U14B
U16A	U16B; U14A; U14B
U16AA	U16A; U16B; U14AA; U14A
U19B	U16B; U16A
U19A	U19B; U16AA; U16B; U16A
U19AA	U19A; U19B;; U16A; U16B

- 7.2.5 The choice to affiliate players is at the discretion of the affiliating team's coach.
- 7.2.6 APs may only affiliate to one team.
- 7.2.7 Players are not required to AP if asked by an affiliating team.
- 7.2.8 APs must be agreed to by the coaches of both teams and the player's parents/guardians.
- 7.2.9 APs on U14-U19 B teams can attend an unlimited number of league games, tournaments/exhibition events, and other team activities with the affiliating team, provided adherence to 7.2.10, 7.2.11 and 7.2.15 (e), where applicable. APs cannot participate in practices, with the exception of goalies (facilitates goalie development, practices are better with a goalie).
- 7.2.10 APs are not permitted to miss practices, league games, tournaments/exhibition events or other team activities with their regular team in order to attend these same activities with the affiliating team. Exceptions may be granted for an AP to attend a tournament or exhibition competition with the affiliating team, provided prior approval is obtained from the AP's regular team coach.
- 7.2.11 APs are not permitted to play games with the affiliating team when the opponent is two age divisions older than the age division of the APs regular team, unless otherwise approved in the current season's pick-up chart.
- 7.2.12 Where applicable, coaches must ensure APs are approved by tournament committees.
- 7.2.13 A/AA teams shall select APs first, after which APs to A/AA teams will be removed from the lists of eligible AP players for U14B, U16B and U19B affiliating teams.
- 7.2.14 AP policies for A/AA teams in U14, U16 and U19 only include:
- (a) A/AA teams will be permitted to take APs to fill their roster to a maximum size of 15 skaters and up to 3 goalies.
 - (b) To support A/AA team preparation for year-end competitions, and in consultation with the opposing team, A/AA teams are exempt from the maximum roster size outlined in 7.2.15 (f).
 - (c) APs on A/AA teams can attend an unlimited number of practices, league games, tournaments/exhibition events, and other team activities with the affiliating team, provided adherence to 7.2.10, 7.2.11 and 7.2.15 (f), where applicable. Practice attendance is permitted due to these families paying additional fees to participate on A/AA teams.
- 7.2.15 AP determination for U14B, U16B, U19B:

- (a) The number of eligible AP skaters will be determined by calculating the number of skaters in the top 20% of skaters in the division/tier below using evaluation rankings, divided by the number of teams in the affiliating division, and rounded to the nearest number (up or down). The top 20% is used as a guideline to ensure stage appropriate participation for players.
- (b) U14-19 B teams can AP goalies if they have no or only 1 full-time goalie. They may AP 2 goalies if they have no full-time goalies, or can utilize a combination of an AP and the pick-up system.
- (c) U12 teams can AP goalies if no or only 1 player is interested in playing goal but less than full-time. They may AP 2 goalies if they have no players interested in playing goal more than half-time, or can utilize a combination of an AP and the pick-up system.
- (d) Example of AP calculation:

Affiliating division	# Teams affiliating division	Division/ tier below	# Skaters division/tier below	# Skaters in top 20% of division/tier below	7.2.15 (a) result	Max # of skaters per team (after rounding)
U14B	3	U12 Blue (2 nd years)	24	4.8	1.6	2
U16B	3	U14B	34	6.8	2.3	2
U19B	2	U16B	35	7.0	3.5	4

- (e) Eligible APs will be identified and placed on affiliating teams using the following process:
 - (i) A list of eligible AP skaters and goalies will be developed by the Director of Athlete Development and relevant division Commissioners based on the following criteria:
 - a. Identify the top 20% of skaters in the division/tier below using evaluation rankings. Goalies will be eligible in rank order.
 - b. Determine the number of APs required for the affiliating division based on coach interest and roster space.
 - c. Determine the number of potential AP candidates based on player interest.

- (ii) Coaches must select from the top 20% first and can only move down the evaluation rankings if all eligible players decline or all eligible players accept AP spots and more APs are needed. Coaches will be allowed discretion in their selections after the top 20% list is exhausted. Once the list of eligible AP skaters and goalies is finalized, SRA’s draft system outlined in Policy 6: Team Formation – Drafting will be used to place APs on affiliating teams. Once the placement of affiliates is finalized, no changes may be made without Board approval.
- (f) APs are only permitted to play in league games to fill a roster up to the maximum allowable roster size as outlined in the following chart:

Division using Aps	Max team roster size with APs and pick-ups
U12	12 skaters (2 pick-ups only); 2 goalies
U14B	13 skaters; 2 goalies
U16B	13 skaters; 2 goalies
U19B	13 skaters; 2 goalies

7.3 Pick-Ups

- 7.3.1 The SRA Board of Directors will approve the player Pick-Up Chart by October 31st of each playing season. The options provided in the Pick-Up Chart take into account factors such as the age divisions and tiers of the teams playing each other, competitiveness, developmental appropriateness, safety of playing in older divisions, and goalie shortages.
- 7.3.2 In cases where a pick-up player will be playing in an older division, coaches should use their discretion as to which players they believe are developmentally capable (physical size/strength, skill level and social maturity) of playing up.
- 7.3.3 Pick-up players must be agreed to by the coaches of both teams and the player’s parents/guardians.
- 7.3.4 Pick-up players are not permitted to miss practices, league games, tournaments/exhibition events or other team activities with their regular team in order to attend these same activities with another team. Exceptions may be granted for a pick-up player to attend a tournament or exhibition competition with prior approval of the pick-up player’s regular coach and parents/guardians.
- 7.3.5 Coaches must ensure pick-ups are approved by tournament committees **along with coaches of player’s original team.**
- 7.3.6 For Provincials, WCRCs and CRCs, Ringette Saskatchewan, WCRC and CRC policies pertaining to pick-ups shall apply.

- 7.3.7 A pool of eligible pick-up players will be assigned to each team in Fun 3 (final year of Fundamentals players), U12 Red (final year of Fundamentals players), U12 White (U12 Red or final year of Fundamentals 3), U12 Blue (2nd year U12 White or Red players) (if playing U14B, they can pick up other U12 Blue players), U14B (2nd year U12 players) and U16B (2nd year U14B or A players). The use of pools helps distribute pick-up opportunities across a greater number of players for divisions that have a large number of eligible and developmentally appropriate pick-ups.
- 7.3.8 Skater APs are not eligible to be in a pick-up pool, but goalies can be both an AP and in a pick-up pool.
- 7.3.9 Fun 1 and 2 does not have a pick-up pool and can only pick up across (i.e., from other Fun 1 and 2 teams).
- 7.3.10 U19B and 18+ teams may select pick-up players from any eligible pick-up division as identified in SRA's approved Pick-Up Chart (i.e. no pick-up pools).
- 7.3.11 Pools of eligible pick-up players will be determined based on the following criteria.
- (a) The Director of Athlete Development and relevant Coordinators of U12, U14B and U16B will distribute the following criteria as evenly as possible:
 - (i) skill level (use evaluation rankings where possible) and experience – limit to 2nd year players or last year of Fundamentals
 - (ii) immediate family relationship (i.e. siblings)
 - (iii) athlete/parent interest
 - (iv) pick-up players' teams (mitigate problems with scheduling conflicts)
 - (v) At the beginning of the season, or at the discretion of the Coordinator, coaches may trade players within the pick-up pools.
 - (b) Place of residence may be considered in the formation of pools that include players and teams based out of Warman.
 - (c) Working with the Coordinators from the age division below, Coordinators will distribute the pools of eligible pick-ups to each team.
- 7.3.12 No one player will be allowed to play as a pick-up player in more than three league games. The rule will reset with the commencement of city playoffs where applicable.

- 7.3.13 Pick-up players are not permitted to attend practices, with the exception of goalies (facilitates goalie development, practices are better with a goalie).
- 7.3.14 Eligible pick-ups for the 18+ division are exempt from the three game limit in 7.3.12.
- 7.3.15 U12 teams can pick up **Fundamentals 3** players interested in playing goal, provided the U12 team does not have a player present who is interested in playing goal.
- 7.3.16 Goalies in **Fundamentals 3**, U12, U14 and U16 are exempt from the three game limit.
- 7.3.17 Pick-up players for league games and practices are only permitted in order to fill a roster up to the maximum allowable roster size outlined below.
- 7.3.18 Maximum allowable roster size:

Division picking up player(s)	Max team roster size with APs and pick-ups
Fundamentals 1 and 2	11 players
Fundamentals 3	12 players
U12	12 skaters; 2 goalies
U14	13 skaters; 2 goalies
U16	13 skaters; 2 goalies
U19	13 skaters; 2 goalies
18+	13 skaters; 2 goalies

- 7.3.19 Players in **Fundamentals 1 and 2** are not permitted to be picked up as goalies in order to be consistent with Ringette Canada's long-term athlete development guidelines around goaltending specialization.