



PELHAM RAIDERS MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATED PLAYER USE POLICY

The Pelham Raiders Minor Lacrosse Association has adopted the following guidelines pertaining to the use of affiliated players (AP).

For affiliated player usage to be effective, everyone involved must consider that decisions involving affiliated player use have ramifications for the entire organization, and members should not be focused on their own personal situation.

The purpose of affiliating a player is to allow a team that is short players due to illness, absence, suspension or player shortage, to bring a player onto the team for a game to help ensure that PRMLA meets OLA MR4.01 to avoid a game forfeit as well as remain competitive.

1. Coaches will not use APs to replace healthy, capable and willing carded players.
2. An AP can only be used when they do not already have a commitment to their own team (game or practice).
3. An AP may take regular shifts as determined by team officials. The AP's floor time should never be at the expense of a rostered players' floor time.
4. The requesting coach must consider the disruption to the AP team before making the request.

The association expects full cooperation between coaches regarding the use of affiliated players. Any coach wishing to use an affiliated player must advise the coach or manager of the player's team before contacting the player or the players' parents.

When a team needs to use affiliated players the proper protocol is to:

1. Contact the players coach – discuss any conflicts and resolutions
2. In the event of any conflicts, the player must play with their own team

If a player is AP'd without the consent of the player's coach, or the player misses their team's practice/game and participates with the requesting coach's team, the player will be banned from participating any further for another team.

TOURNAMENT USE OF AFFILIATED PLAYERS:

If a player is permitted to play up with a team for a tournament, the family will be responsible to remit either but not both:

- the tournament fee of \$35 to the PRMLA, if player has not yet participated in a tournament
- their portion of the tournament entry fee payable to the team

POLICY APPROVAL

This policy will be reviewed by the PELHAM RAIDERS MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION Executive Committee annually. Policy Approved: