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## **Affiliation and Other Hockey Events Policy**

The purpose of this Policy to add structure and process around those situations during the regular hockey season (September - March) where an Avalanche player seeks, or is offered the opportunity, to:

- play hockey games with an Avalanche team that is not their regular season Avalanche team;
- play hockey games with a non-Avalanche team;
- attend hockey practice with an Avalanche team that is not their regular season Avalanche team;
- attend hockey practice with a non-Avalanche team; or
- attend any hockey related event with an Avalanche team that is not their regular season Avalanche team or with a non-Avalanche team,

(collectively, the “**Other Hockey Event**”).

At the outset, the NSFIHA supports our players being given and taking opportunities to further their hockey development, including by taking part in Other Hockey Events. That being said, an Avalanche players’ first hockey priority must be to their regular season Avalanche hockey team. Any opportunities to take part in Other Hockey Events, or any similar or analogous type hockey opportunities, shall only be pursued provided that this Policy is followed. Any failure to abide by this Policy may lead to discipline by the head coach of the players’ regular season Avalanche team or the NSFIHA including, but not limited to, suspension of the player.

1. A player’s first priority shall be to their regular season Avalanche team.
2. No Conflict – notwithstanding there is no conflict between the players’ regular season Avalanche team and the Other Hockey Event, the head coach of the player’s regular season Avalanche team must be notified in advance of the Other Hockey Event. This is a notification requirement only and consent need not be obtained.
3. A player who wishes to attend a Other Hockey Event may not miss a game, practice or other event of their regular season Avalanche team that occurs on the same date of the Other Hockey event, except in extraordinary circumstances which are approved in advance by the head coach of the player’s regular season Avalanche team.

4. Conflict – where there is a conflict between a player’s regular season Avalanche team and a Other Hockey Event, the player shall not, except in extraordinary circumstances which are approved in advance by the head coach of the player’s regular season Avalanche team, participate in such Other Hockey Event.
5. The coach of a team seeking to invite or affiliate an Avalanche player should, as a matter of courtesy, notify the head coach of the player’s regular season Avalanche team in advance of the Other Hockey Event in question.

This Policy does not apply to non-hockey related sports or to the Bantam Zone Development Program.