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## Dual Membership / Affiliate Players

*re: Formalizing an Affiliate Player policy via Dual Membership*

### PURPOSE:

To define Affiliate Players via the Dual Membership process. This will provide an opportunity for player(s) registered with a club that does not field a team(s) in all Divisions to remain members of their Home Club while allowing the opportunity to play at a more appropriate level of competition.

### Eligibility

- a. Players wishing to affiliate with another club must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 2.7](#)
- b. Players may affiliate to HIGHER OR LOWER divisions as appropriate for their ability.
- c. Players may only affiliate with ONE other club aside from their Home Club.
- d. Players may only affiliate if their Home Club does NOT offer a team(s) in their desired division and/or category (e.g. Premier/ERU local divisions, Men/Women)
  - i.e. A Club fields two teams: Men's 3rd Division & Women's AWP. Accepted affiliations are Men's Division 2 or AC; and Women's Division 1 or 2.

### Dual Membership

Please [click here](#) for more information from Rugby Alberta: Registration & Insurance - Dual Memberships

- a. Players wishing to affiliate must change their registration type to a Dual Membership with both clubs.
- b. Dual Memberships are subject to the usual approval process involving Rugby Alberta, Edmonton Rugby Union, and the two clubs involved.
- c. Clubs may choose to charge or waive any additional club fees for Dual Members.

### Regular Season

- a. For the purposes of Minimum Player Registration Thresholds, affiliate players count ONLY for their Home Club.
- b. Affiliate players are eligible to play any number of regular season games for either of their Dual Membership clubs.
- c. Affiliate players MAY NOT play games for their affiliated club's teams in divisions where their Home Club also fields a team(s).

### Playoff Eligibility

- a. Eligibility for playoffs follows the criteria outlined in the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 12.9](#).
- b. Playoff eligibility (i.e. named on four regular season team sheets, 70% rule, etc.) must be met for each club individually.



### Playoff Eligibility cont.

- c. Affiliate players may only participate in the playoffs for ONE of their Dual Membership clubs.
  - Should a player choose to compete in playoffs with their Affiliate club, a declaration is required in writing a minimum of **ten (10) business days prior to the 1st playoff game for either team.**

### Team Sheets (Rosters)

- a. All affiliate players must be identified on team sheets as Guest Players indicated with "G".
- b. *ERU Divisions: Men/Women 1, 2, 3.* There are no restrictions on the number of affiliate players that may be named on a roster (rostered).
- c. *Alberta Provincial Divisions: AC/AWP.* The number of affiliate players that may be named on a roster is restricted as per the **affiliate threshold** table below.
  - The total number of ERU players affiliating with AC/AWP is calculated separately for each Category (Men's or Women's).
  - Clubs will be notified by email should the threshold increase.
- d. A team shall be considered to have defaulted the match if the identified restrictions are exceeded.
- e. Foreign player and affiliate player roster restrictions are no longer linked. Foreign players named to a roster are still limited to three (3) players and are otherwise governed by Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 2.8.3](#)

ERU PREMIER DIVISION AFFILIATE PLAYER THRESHOLDS

| Total number of ERU players affiliating to AC/AWP. | Number of affiliate players allowed per team sheet. | Number of foreign players allowed per team sheet. |
|--|---|---|
| 0 - 10   | 3   | 3   |
| 11 - 15  | 4   | 3   |
| 16 - 20  | 5   | 3   |
| 21 - 25 +  | 6   | 3   |

### CONCLUSION:

The Affiliate Player – Dual Membership process is to be continued for 2025 contingent upon a review at the end of season to determine future actions.