



House League – Player Draft

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WSMHA House League Management Council*

In trying to keep teams as evenly balanced as possible, our House League Management Council has come up with the following process for team selections in the following divisions:

- IP+ HASSARD
- IP+ NOVICE
- ATOM
- PEEWEE
- BANTAM

Step 1) The rostered select teams, will be selected before the start of the House league season. The rostered select coaches will use the information gathered in the tryouts to evenly divide the teams into 6 equal groups (4 for Novice select & Tyke) with the intention of spreading them equally amongst the house league teams.

Step 2) Parents or Players who have requests about their teams will speak to the convener for their division. Due to unbalancing issues and the fact that we feel hockey is a great way to meet new friends, requests are normally not allowed. Some exceptions are as follows: siblings are allowed to be placed together if they request it, coaches will be placed with their children etc.

Step 3) Players in all the above divisions will go through two-three preliminary evaluation sessions, and have up to two exhibition games for evaluation purposes. This lets us evaluate their talent and performance. Based on this and our coaches recollections of a player's performance the prior season the children will be assigned a confidential ranking.

Step 4) After the evaluation sessions, the house league's head coaches, along with the convener of the division and the VP of house league, will sit around a table and take turns making selections. Once the groupings are made, the rostered select groups will be added to the other groups to make equal rosters. The groups with the Select goalies will be assigned to the weakest teams where possible.

NOTE: The Goalie Policy will be used if there are more goalies then teams.

Step 5) When the rosters are filled — and only then — the coaches draw lots to see which coach gets which team. NOTE: While the coaches are conducting the draft, they do not know which team will ultimately be theirs.



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Step 6) After the teams are assigned, the “player trades” will take place. The only trades allowed, are under the following circumstances:

- The coaching staff (Maximum 3 people – Head, assistant & trainer) are allowed to have their children rostered to their own team.
- Siblings will be placed on the same team if they have requested it.
- Each team must have a trainer & assistant

Step 7) Within the first 6 weeks of the season, if the convenor feels that there is clearly a stronger or weaker team, then he/she will call another meeting of the coaches to do some team re-balancing. This step is not ideal, and if the above is followed correctly, will hopefully not be necessary.

***NOTE: Coaching staff (Maximum 3 people, can be pre-arranged on a team with conveners permission before draft takes place. That said, if the selection creates a balancing issue, the convenor will deny the request and step 7 above still applies even with pre-arranged coaching staff). ***