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Iron Range Hockey Association
Player Evaluation and Draft Procedure

DRAFT PROCEDURE

1. A Draft Committee shall be responsible for the yearly IRHA draft process and will be composed of three members, at least two of which are IRHA Board Members, all of which are designated by the Board. At least one will be present at the evaluations and two at the draft of all divisions.
2. A member of the Draft Committee will not participate in the draft or late entry placement if it involves that member's child or team. A replacement will be selected by the other committee members.
3. Team staff (coach, assistant coach, manager, team mother, parents, or players) will not approach junior hockey players or player's parents concerning playing up a division. Team staff will contact a Board Member and the Board Member will bring it to the attention of the Draft Committee. The Draft Committee will consult with the Evaluation Committee and determine if further action is warranted. Factors such as team sizes, effects within the divisions, player adaptability, and plus/minus draft tolerances will be addressed. If movement is still recommended, the Draft Committee will contact the parents and player for approval from which it will be brought forward by the Draft Committee for Board approval.
4. Violations of the above rule may be grounds for removal from team staff positions.
5. The draft will commence with the toss of a coin. The coach winning the coin toss will have the option of drafting 1st, 2nd, or 3rd (if applicable). If unequal numbers of players exist, the coach drafting first will automatically get the additional odd numbered player in the total draft. Example, 31 players in the draft, coach selecting first would get the first pick and the 31st player.
6. Protected player – A player pre-selected by the coach prior to the draft, who is assigned to that coach's team in the draft round predetermined by the draft committee. A coach is allowed to select one protected player – being a son or daughter or sibling only. See section 15 – Predetermined Player Draft Position.
7. The draft will be conducted in the following sequence: "A" being the first team selecting in round one.

	Two Teams		Three teams		
Round	A	B	A	B	C
1.	1	2	1	2	3
2.	4	3	6	5	4
3.	5	6	7	8	9
4.	8	7	12	11	10
5.	9	10	13	14	15
6.	12	11	18	17	16

8. Players may be selected from any rated group at any point in the draft. Coaches will be provided with copies of all evaluator's original sheets at the start of the draft for reference along with age and player experience (first or second year player) and will turn them in at the conclusion of the draft. In order to maintain consistence between the teams in the draft, the Draft Committee will monitor the difference +/- 2 points between each team and will advise coaches if they are headed for a redraft if adjustments are not made. Coaches may trade players at any time during the draft.
9. Upon completion of the draft, the total points for each team must be within 2 points through the last full round. Coaches may trade players at this point to maintain the +/- 2 point margin.

Final trading after the draft will be allowed for 15 minutes providing it stays within the +/- 2 point rule.

10. Redraft will consist of another coin toss and another complete draft.
11. Siblings in the same division will play on the same team unless objected to by the parents. The second best of the two will have his round of selection predetermined by the Draft Committee as per Section 15 – Predetermined Player Draft Positions.
12. After the first goalie is chosen, the coach that selected him cannot select another goalie unless the other coach(es) does not select one before the last player of his round is gone. Example: rating 2.25 – goalie is protected until the last 2.25 is left.
13. If a redraft is necessary, the Draft Committee has an option to select a new person or persons to redraft if in their opinion the +/- rule was intentionally broken. The Draft Committee monitoring the draft will point out the parties involved if the draft appears to be heading towards a redraft.
14. After the average 2.50 players have been selected, the below average 2.49 and lower players will be selected one at a time.
15. Predetermined Player Position in the Draft:
 - A. The purpose of predetermined player position is to protect players (coaches sons, daughters or siblings) of the same family in the same division thus providing the coach a fair opportunity to select other players of the same or higher ranking prior to the protected player. The protected player will be selected in the round assigned by the Draft Committee.
 - B. The following will be taken into account when assigned the round for drafting: relative position in the group, year of player in the division, experience, age and ability.
 - C. The Draft Committee consults with the evaluators (during the final evaluations if possible) as to the relative position on the player with respect to the others taking into account all of the above factors. From this the round of draft will be assigned.
 - D. All coaches affected will be advised of protected players prior to the commencement of the draft.
16. Only coaches for the division being drafted and the Draft Committee, District Council Representative, or M.A.H.A. Representative, will be present and participate in the draft. If a coach is unable to attend the draft, a replacement will be selected by the Draft Committee. The replacement should have the knowledge of the players and division involved and does not have to be a member of the team involved. Suggested replacements may be prior coaches, or evaluators.
17. Everyone participating in the draft must realize that the main objective is balance teams within the divisions and to promote hockey philosophy of USA Hockey and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.