

HOCKEY IN-PERSON DRAFT

Here is your draft packet and player list. If you are in a league that is drafting in person then some of the rules outlined in the drafting packet do **NOT** apply to you. The section entitled roster balancing is only used to make sure that owners drafting by mail get a balanced team. You do **not** have to follow the rules set forth in that section. For instance, if you want to draft 4 left wingers before you get your third right winger, then you should feel free to do so. (However, we certainly feel it makes sense to get starters at every position before you draft a backup at any other position. Remember, you will be playing 3 centers, 3 right wings and 3 left wings, 4 defensemen, and one goalie, in each game.) We do **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** you end up with a roster that has approximately: 5 centers, 5 left wings, 5 right wings, 6 or 7 defensemen, and 3 or 4 goalies. Also, leagues drafting by mail pick 25 man rosters. You don't have to draft exactly that many, but 25 is the number we do suggest.

You can form a league of any size, but **you have to have an EVEN number of teams in your league.** (Teams play 3 head to head games a week - if you have an odd number of teams this isn't possible.) We do split the leagues into two divisions, **with odd numbered teams in one division, and the even numbered teams in the other division.** If you have a preference for which owners you want in each division please number your teams accordingly.

Please have someone send your entire league rosters as soon as you are done drafting! We do not need to know what order players were picked, we just need to know which players are on each team. The best way to avoid confusion is to list the owner's name, address, and phone number, and underneath that give us his entire team. **Just tell us team #1 has players so and so, team #2 has players ..., etc.** It is easiest if you simply designate someone at the draft to keep track of the players chosen, both by player number and name. As soon as we get the draft results from you we will send everyone back a league roster and season schedule.

Please list players by NAME and PLAYER NUMBER. (If you draft someone who is not on our list and does not have a player number that is ok. But please include his full name, position, and NHL team so we can give him a number.) Trades and lineup changes are made at no charge - just include a note with your first lineup telling us about the trade. Since there is no charge for trading there is **NO** reason not to mail us your league rosters as soon as the draft is complete! Then you can just report any trades you've made when you send in your initial depth chart.

We also have a feature where private leagues can report their draft results from our web site. Doing it that way enables you to compile the list of drafted players simply by clicking on player's names. If you are in a league that played last year your commissioner can simply go to your league's web page and click on the 'commissioner's link' to access our draft reporting feature. If you want to report draft results for a new league please first send us your league's name and list of owners and once we receive that info we will create a web page for your league and will send the league's web address to you.

Or, if someone already has the draft results on their computer, they can e-mail us your draft results. You can either just paste the results into the body of an e-mail message (if you do that, please list the draft results in a single column, as formatted tables don't e-mail very well), or you **can** send us a Word or Excel file as an attachment. And once again, no matter how you send results, please list the drafted players team by team, not pick by pick. In other words, please say something like: Team 1 is owned by John Smith, and here are his 25 players, team 2 is owned by John Jones, and here are his 25 players, etc. You should be done drafting (and send us the results) by/before September 30th. **The first NHL game this year is on October 7th - everyone should submit (postmark, fax or e-mail) their first depth chart by/before Thursday the 7th (before they see what their players are doing in the NHL that week) to begin play the first week. NOTE: If your league is not drafting until after the 1st please contact us to make arrangements to turn in your week 1 charts a little late.**

Please don't hesitate to write or call if you have any questions. Good Luck and Have Fun!

P.S. We do need to have your league team fees paid in full by the time we get your draft results. You can either pay before the draft, or collect all the team fees at the draft and mail them in with the draft results. Thanks!

P.P.S. This year we **WILL** be running a free agent draft the first week of the season. Team 12 will pick first in that week 1 draft, team 11 will pick second, etc.