

Drafting procedures and policies Pierrefonds Minor Hockey Association: **2014-2015**

The Pierrefonds Minor Hockey Association (PMHA) will utilize the prospective coaches and directors in running its evaluation process and ranking of the individual children per level.

With this in mind the PMHA is attempting to standardize its procedures in regard to the drafting of teams in the different categories, and levels.

Certain policies will be put in place and adhered to, with the intent of eventually fine-tuning to provide the most effective drafting procedures across the board. The key is to standardize the draft in the hopes of equalization of the teams, and also giving directors and executive reason for justification of selection of players. IE: less favoritism and or politicalization.

Please note: **THERE ARE TO BE NO CHILDREN PLAYING IN A LEVEL THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BY AGE FOR ANY REASON!!! (This does not apply to pre-novice and mites, however the child must be of novice age to play at that level regardless of where they were the year before.)**

PRIOR TO DRAFT DAY:

- By the third evaluation session, the directors of all levels (Novice to Midget) will have put the majority if not all of their coaches in place (subject to approval of V.P. Operations or President after interviews). Please note the coach's child must be of the caliber of the level his parent wishes to coach. If a coach's child is on the bubble (i.e.: could be drafted in A but not necessarily, (see further on) his parent will not automatically be given a coaching position.

- After the third evaluation session, the directors will be submitted a list (ranking) from all prospective coaches that shall be passed on to the director of the level unless they are coaching in that level (A or B) in which case an impartial director or executive member will preside. He/She will cross-reference with his list prior to the fourth evaluation session.

-Coaches may have one and only one assistant coach prior to the draft.

-the directors will have received the ice hours for evaluations from Helga and hopefully they will have been coordinated with V.P. Operations who will be running some of the evaluation sessions especially in hopes of getting players ready for the upcoming season..

-ALL coaches should be attending all evaluations for their category (i.e.: novice: all novice evaluations)

-it would be in the coaches best interests to make their own evaluations for their drafting ideology.

-The compiler will forward a list ranking the children in their category. (It is probable that there will be an independent body in place for goaltender evaluation)

In Categories **Novice and Atom:** Goaltenders
Skaters

In Categories **Pee-wee to Midget:** Goaltenders
Forwards
Defensemen

The reasoning behind this is that in past drafts, in the pee-wee levels and up, there are teams that get cheated due to the inadvertent placing of players in the wrong position. This tends to happen especially in the B category, but will also clear up the way a draft may be progressing in the A level. In the lower levels, many children have not yet decided where their forte is, as they may have been rotated from position to position. This is where a coach will become just that, and hopefully develop position players. It is therefore imperative that children at registration and upon pre-evaluation phone calls be advised that their choice of position is imperative! This is where they will be evaluated. Please note however due to unmitigated circumstances your child may have to play out of his preferred position.

-The director and V.P. Operation will place the children of the coach and pre-chosen assistant in the proper round, based on the child's evaluation, and discussion.

DRAFT DAY:

-the following should have been done prior to this point, determination of the amount of teams (Based on Hockey Quebec), the amount of forwards ,defensemen (Based on Hockey Quebec) and goaltenders per team, the slots of the coach's and assistants children pre-filled.

-if a parent has had a valid special request, (for example, has a personality conflict with the coach, must be with another child for car-pooling purposes, etc.) It will have to be brought to the attention of the V.P. Operations and directors so that it may be discussed pre-draft! There are NO guarantees. Should the situation be a delicate one which may be inflammatory, upon pre discussion it will NOT be brought up in the draft unless it should arise!

-NO special requests will be accepted upon commencement of the draft!

-only the head coach and assistant are to be allowed at the draft, with the directors and one executive member (minimum). If the previous is not adhered to, the draft will be considered invalid!

-The coaches will draw out of a hat to determine their position in draft selection. The coach who draws first (No. 1) has the choice of goaltender or skater (defensemen, forwards) **REGARDLESS** of the ranking of a child pre assigned to his team (his, or his assistants or as per above).

-if a goaltender is chosen, the draft will continue until all goaltenders have been chosen. At this point the draft will continue in **REVERSE ORDER** for forwards and defensemen. (SKATERS). (**AND VICA-VERSA**) A team will NOT be allowed to pick more defensemen than the pre-determined quota allows...

-The following shows how the drafting order is in the case of skaters first for 5 teams:

<u>ROUND</u>	SKATERS				
	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	10	9	8	7	6
3	11	12	13	14	15

<i>etc</i>	20	19	18	17	16
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GOALIES

1	5	4	3	2	1
2	6	7	8	9	10

-When picking skaters, you may pick either defense, or forwards, respecting the quota on maximum defensemen. You may however pick fewer defensemen if you wish.

-There will be a buffer of two extra rounds of eligible players in the forwards, and one extra in the defense. In novice and atom there will be three extra rounds of eligible players

Example: It has been determined that there will be 5 Pee Wee A teams. Each team will have 13 skaters (4 defensemen and 2 goaltenders). From the rankings of the coaches of 150 total single letter players, this would be the draft allowances...

There would be 9 rounds of forwards & 2 rounds of buffers= 55 forwards.

There would be 4 rounds of defense & 1 buffer=25 defense.

You would not be able to pick forward 56 regardless of who he is, or you're reasoning.

Had this been an atom team, same numbers, this is the allowances...

There would be 13 rounds of skaters with 3 buffer rounds=80 skaters, skater 81 onwards is unavailable....

Should a situation arise where there is a lack of defense...the V.P. of Operations may alter the buffer for the forwards? (Not in novice or atom where the skater maximum is unaffected.)

The top 7 rounds of forwards by evaluation, and top 2 rounds of defense must be selected for the category of A
The top 9 rounds of skaters in novice or atom must be selected for the category of A.

Children considered on the bubble are those whom are not guaranteed a spot in the A level but are available for draft.

N.B. In many instances the top 3 to 4 selections in B and the bottom 3 to 4 in A could very easily be interchangeable based on the needs of the coach as to how the draft has been proceeding. (I.e. I need a defensive forward, he/she is a better sniper, I need a digger, etc)

When the draft is underway, you may not select a player who is more than two rounds away from the round you are picking in from the master draft list. EXAMPLE: You are the third team to pick in round two...you may not pick a player from round five on the master draft list. You would have to wait until the following round.

-should the situation arise that a player is passed by for more than three rounds, the Pierrefonds executive member will stop the draft and notify the coaches the child must be picked in the following round. This child is then offered to all the coaches in the following round. If no one wishes to choose him / her at that point, his / her name is put into a hat and all coaches pick with the one picking his / her name adding him / her to their roster. If only one coach desires this player, they will add them to their roster. If more than one or all coaches wish to have this player, his/her name will go into a hat with only the coaches who wish to acquire this player picking out of the hat.

-All double letter cuts must have been made prior to this draft. Should there be an exception to this rule, it will be dealt with by the director of the level and the V.P. of Operations, either at the draft or after its conclusion.

-All teams must fill out a draft sheet for their own information, the official one will be completed by the director of the level and signed by all head-coaches.

-At the conclusion of the draft all head-coaches will again pick a number from a hat to choose their team nickname. (Barons, Royals, Marquis, Vicomtes, etc...)

-Trading post draft is allowed but must be completed before the coaches sign the official draft sheet.

-The Assistant V.P operations, V.P. Operations, and the president reserve the right to investigate and disallow any trade they believe to be unfair.

When all is said and done, no draft is perfect, but we will constantly endeavor to make it as fair as possible.

CHANGES TO ANY ASPECT OF THE DRAFT AND ITS PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENTS ONLY! THIS THEN WOULD ONLY BE CARRIED OUT WITH FULL COOPERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TEAMS INVOLVED

Thank You for your understanding.

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