

Livonia Hockey Association

HOUSE DRAFT MANUAL

This manual is a guide to the process of drafting Mite through Midget House players in the Livonia Hockey Association (LHA). The LHA Board will schedule the evaluation skates. After the draft exhibition, the process continues with a score compilation and grouping of the skaters. The Draft by house divisions will be on the first available day after the evaluation skate. The draft skate evaluation, grouping, and draft will take place on or about the last full week in August.

Skill Session

Mites through Midgets will have a minimum of one session for coaches to rate each player's ability. Squirts, Peewee, and Bantams shall have skates, helmet and stick. Mites and Midgets shall have skates and helmet. All players will be subjected to minor skill drills.

Scoring

During the draft skates, the coaches selected by the board for that season will assign a score between 1 (best) and 5 (weakest). Decimals can be taken to 1 point. Directors will rate any absent players.

Compilation

The ratings will be entered into a computer program, which will average the numbers, while dropping the lowest and highest scores. Players will then be grouped into rounds. Directors will review the groupings and retain the right to correct any obvious discrepancies between a player's talent and where they appear in the draft order. Directors will also review the last round to ensure that there are no siblings or protected players in the 16th round.

Draft sheets will be made available to coaches at noon on the day before the draft.

Player Protection

Each team is allowed to protect one player in the draft. The protecting coach must obtain permission from the player's parent or legal guardian authorizing the protection at the end of the draft skate. The protected player's parent or legal guardian must be a team official. The protected player's parent or legal guardian is the only person who may join a coach at the draft table. If this person is not available the day of the draft, the coach, with division director approval, may bring his spouse or an immediate family member that is not playing in the LHA to assist. If the coach does not have a child in the program and does not have a protection, they may bring their spouse, an immediate family member that is not playing in the LHA or an assistant coach that does not have a child in the division to help with the draft.

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Draft Day

On the day of the draft, the draft order of teams will be decided by random draw. The first round will commence with the team in slot 1 drafting first, slot 2 drafting second and so forth to the bottom of the order. The second round will begin at the bottom and work up so that slot 1 will draft last in the second round. Subsequent rounds will continue in such serpentine order.

Rules

Teams and directors must be aware of the following MAHA and LHA rules:

1. The Draft process must comply with Article IV - Player Selection of the LHA By-Laws.
2. No team may exceed the ratios established by MAHA for out of district players. See the MAHA guide for a listing of in district cities.
3. Team will be drafted in accordance with MAHA manual in relationship to the ratio of second year players to first year players.
4. The drafting of one sibling will result in the placement of the other sibling in the round in which he was rated by the coaches/directors.
5. In drafts where there are more declared goalies than teams, no team can select a second goalie before every other team has drafted one.
6. Protected players are automatically selected in the round in which they have been rated.
7. Each team during the draft must select a declared goalie by the end of the 14th round, if adequate declared goalies are available. No team can draft a second goalie until all teams have their first declared goalie. Every team must have a goalie if adequate declared goalies are available.
8. By the end of the 13th round all first siblings must select.
9. Every team must have an actual last round pick (no protections, siblings, or other slotted players).

Directors will monitor the draft to ascertain if any of the rules are in danger of being violated, and must control the draft if so identified.

If there are out of district siblings, teams at the bottom of the order can be denied more than one out of district player until the sibling is taken or until that team is awarded the first sibling as the last pick of the 13th round. If that team's protection is slotted in the 13th round, he can be made to move up into the 12th round.

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If a team is in danger of exceeding its second year player limit, directors may force the drafting of a first year player after the 8th round.

LIVONIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2010 SPRING/SUMMER BYLAW ADDENDUM

ARTICLE I - Registration

All Spring & Summer players must submit a signed LHA registration form but will not be required to pay a registration fee. This spring/summer registration will end with the fall Travel team conditioning skate.

ARTICLE II – Uniforms

Jerseys and socks will not be provided by the LHA and will be the responsibility of the team. LHA Travel teams can use the “Knights” for a team name.

ARTICLE III – Coaches

Coaches will be selected by the LHA Board of Directors for the fall/winter team. These coaches are eligible to participate in the spring/summer program provided they adhere to the LHA Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – Financial Responsibility

The manager will collect the ice bills and submit to the office for deposit. ACH withdrawals for ice bills will be taken by the LHA office.

ARTICLE V – Fund Raising

Spring/Summer Travel Teams are limited to three (3) fundraisers. The fundraisers shall not include gambling but are not limited to the LHA approved list of fundraisers.

ARTICLE VI – Sponsorship

Spring/Summer Travel sponsorship shall be limited to \$1,000 per team. Sponsor recognition is the responsibility of the team.

ANY ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS ADDENDUM WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE FALL/WINTER LHA BYLAWS.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

1. All sponsorship money shall be made payable to: Livonia Hockey Association. Minimum sponsorship amount is \$50.00
2. All sponsors will be posted on the LHA website.
3. The LHA shall recognize Silver and Gold level sponsors with an engraved name plaque displayed on the sponsor boards located in Eddie Edgar and Devonaire Arenas.
4. Gold level sponsors will be presented with a team photo/plaque at the end of each season. The photo/plaque will be purchased by the team through the LHA office.
5. The LHA will attempt to fulfill the sponsor's team/division selection.
6. Sponsors may contribute to more than one team in the LHA each season. The level of sponsorship for each team will be determined by the donation made to each team, using the guidelines established in this Agreement.
7. No sponsor shall be required or allowed to fund the purchase of any gift, prize or award for the sponsored team.
8. All equipment purchased with sponsorship fees shall become the property of the LHA.
9. The sponsor shall have no influence in team matters or operations. All team affairs will fall under the jurisdiction of the LHA By-Laws and the discretion of the LHA Board of Directors. However, sponsors are encouraged to participate in all team functions.

SINGLE SEASON SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Travel Team</u>
Bronze Sponsor:	\$50-\$249	\$50-\$249
Silver Sponsor:	\$250-\$349	\$250-\$349
Gold Sponsor:	\$350-\$4,000	\$350-\$6,000

(Note: The total sponsorship allowed per team cannot exceed \$4,000 for House Teams and \$6,000 for Travel Teams)

Amount Received \$ _____ Date _____ Check # _____

Sponsor Name _____

Division/Team Request _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Contact Name _____

Please verify this information by signing and dating this agreement. Make all checks payable to the LIVONIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION. Thank you for your support!

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

LHA Representative _____ Date _____

Please mail check and Sponsor Agreement to:
Livonia Hockey Association
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Livonia, Michigan 48154