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Tier III (House) Draft Policy

Purpose

The following guidelines have been set by Chelsea Hockey Association (CHA) to ensure teams, within a single level of the Tier III division, are of equal skill sets.

I. Evaluation Process

- A. To be eligible for the House Draft, players must be registered with USA Hockey, CHA, and be in good financial standing from past and present seasons with CHA.
- B. Prior to going on the ice, player jersey color and number shall be recorded on evaluation list and distributed to coaches to identify players while on the ice.
- C. Evaluations will be done by 2-3 current CHA coaches or board members.
- D. Players will be graded on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest, using age appropriate drills for Skating, Shooting, Passing, Puck Control and a scrimmage for Game Play / Hockey Sense.
- E. Returning players unable to make the evaluation shall be given grades based on prior seasons.
- F. New players who are unable to attend evaluations will be noted as "Non-Evaluated Players."
- G. Players showing skill sets below their age division, which could potentially result in physical harm to themselves or other players on the ice, will be referred to the Learn-to-Play program for further development by House director. These players will be removed from the Draft list.
- H. Skaters will participate in 2 scrimmages and divided up into A-B-C lines so they compete against liked skilled players for further evaluation.
- I. 2-3 Evaluators will be present during scrimmages and 1 evaluator will be present at all 3 skates
- J. A Draft List will be compiled showing skill ratings, age, position, and players w/ a parent coach.

II. The Draft

- A. The CHA draft shall be attended by two CHA Directors, a MAHA rep, and team head coaches.
- B. Prior to the draft beginning, the rules will be reviewed by a CHA Executive Director.
- C. Each coach will be permitted to protect their own child or children.
- D. The draft order shall be determined by the ranking of the protected players. If protected players have an equal rating, numbers will be drawn as a tie breaker.
- E. The draft order shall go in reverse order in the even number rounds.
- F. Players from each birth year shall be split as evenly as possible.
- G. Siblings will be placed together and the team's pick in the following round will be skipped.
- H. Coaches may be contacted about team preferences in writing but spots are not guaranteed.
- I. After the teams have been selected, if a team lacks staff, (manager or assistant coaches), trading players of the same birth year and skill rating may be executed to accommodate the discrepancy
- J. Draft results will be saved with a copy being provided to the MAHA representative.
- K. Players which register after the draft will be placed based on where the draft left off