

## **AMHP Constitution**

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### **Agenda**

This pool was formed in 1997 as an alternative to typical pools by creating a league that closely resembles the actual workings of the NHL as much as possible, and in as many ways as possible.

Although every aspect of managing an NHL team cannot be emulated, a lot can, for example building and managing a core group of players, drafting by position for immediate and future goals, and the franchise owners are steadily improving the pool with active participation.

The pool strives for parity, and most of the rules regarding trades/drafting are based on achieving parity over the long term.

### **Model**

Franchise owners each hold one vote, new owners may vote after one complete season in the pool.

All league business is decided by vote, with a simple majority ruling on all matters regarding rule changes, membership, etc.

A quorum of half the membership is required to pass changes. If a member cannot attend a scheduled meeting, either in person or remotely (by phone, etc.) he may place his vote by proxy with a member who is attending, This should be done via email to provide a record of the agreement and it must precede the scheduled time of the meeting.

### **Fees**

All fees are to be submitted before the start of schedule or alternate arrangements made with the pool treasurer.

A one-time franchise fee of \$40 is charged to all new franchises. This money is held in a registry fund. The monies collected are used to ensure that the pool has funds available to maintain the pool.

Yearly Pool Fees \$100.00.

Owners may fold a team but all monies paid will be property of the league. Folded teams will be sold to new owners approved by a majority vote. If more than one, a coin toss or draw will determine choice of team.

If an owner quits and no replacement has been found by Draft Day, the league will pick the team and hold it until the following Protected List Submission date, or until a new owner is found, whichever is first.

Transfer of franchises is permitted with majority rule. New franchise fees are still required unless deemed inappropriate by majority.

### **Protected Players**

Owners can protect seven (7) players from year to year. A maximum of two (2) defensemen and one (1) goaltender can be protected each year, not counting a protected rookie, if applicable.

A list of the protected players shall be provided to all owners 2 weeks prior to the Main Draft of each year.

### **Rookies**

Beginning in 2007-2008 each team can protect an 8th player if he was a rookie, in exchange for their pick in round 13, provided the rookie meets these 4 conditions:

- 1 he was a rookie as defined by NHL rules
- 2 he did not count in the teams' final points total
- 3 he played a minimum of one game in the NHL that season
- 4 he was on the team's roster at the end of the regular season (not traded for in the off-season)

### **Main Draft**

At HIGH NOON on the Sunday before the season starts, owners will gather at a predetermined location in person or remotely (phone, MSN, FT, SKYPE etc.)

Owners draft in the reverse order of their standing in the previous season, allowing for traded picks, except for the draft lottery winner, as per the NHL. See Lottery Draft below.

### **Rosters**

Each team must carry 20 players for the entire season, which must include:

- Two goaltenders
- Four defensemen
- Two right wingers
- Two left wingers
- Two centres

Of their total 20 players, the top point getters at each position as specified here will make up their franchise total.

All players that have been drafted or signed by a National Hockey League team are eligible to be drafted. Player positions are determined each year from one of the following sources, in order: The Hockey News Yearbook (team roster page), the Hockey News website's players' section and Officepools.com's players' details.

On the protected list the owners submit on the Protected List Submission date they must identify player positions. All players' positions are grandfathered one year at a time, eg: if a player was listed as a Centre in the previous season and the current

season's yearbook listed him as a Right Wing, the owner that protected that player has the option to play him at either position for one year.

A list will be emailed to owners with all protected players and positions. Owners are responsible to check positions and correct any errors. The list of protected players posted on the webpage will note the grandfathered positions.

All non-protected players are picked by current year positions as stated in the above sources.

If an owner is unable to participate in the draft or waiver draft for any reason, they have 24 hours to pick their team from the left-over players and send by email to Wayde Lively.

If for some reason an owner cannot pick their remaining players within the 24-hour period, a phone call or reply email is required within that 24-hour period to confirm approval of an extension. If there is no communication with the owner, the remaining players will be selected by the membership and the team held in place until ownership is complete, or until Protected List Submission Day of the following season, whichever is first.

A person designated to pick an owner's team may do so provided they have received a list of players to pick from the absent owner.

### **Waiver Draft**

A draft will be held on the first Sunday after the 1/4 pole, provided all teams have played a minimum of 20 games. This will consist of two rounds with the lowest team in the standings picking first in each round. Teams are not required to pick and may pass.

Team rosters must contain the required amount of players (20) upon completion of the draft. Any players selected will become property of the team that has made the selection.

Once a player has been added, another player must be dropped and this player becomes immediately available to other teams.

Players drafted in the waiver draft are not eligible for trade until the waiver draft is completed.

### **Lottery Draft**

All teams outside of the prize positions (7 -15) will have an opportunity for the #1 Draft pick as per the NHL. A weighted lottery will be used with the team finishing last in the season receiving the highest chance at the first selection. No team will lose more than one position based on the previous year's statistics.

If a team is selected to pick ahead of their seeded draft position as a result of winning the lottery, it will be for the first round only. As per the NHL, for all rounds following the first round, all teams pick as per their season ending seed.

The draft lottery odds mirror the NHL's, currently:

1-26%  
2-16%  
3-13%  
4-10%  
5-9%  
6-8%  
7-7%  
8-6%  
9-5%

### **Trading of Players**

Only owners whose teams have an up-to-date account with the pool treasurer are permitted to trade players.

Once a trade is agreed upon, one of the trading teams emails the full owner list, starting the 24-hour review period. All trades are subject to 24 hours of counter offers by the owners not involved in the deal. If a counter offer involves at least one player in the original deal, it can be accepted, the owner list is emailed, and the clock resets.

Trades involving any player protected on a franchise of the current year are subject to a 48-hour counter-offer period, with the exception of the day designated as Trade Deadline (TD) Day.

This will hopefully eliminate any one team having an advantage in moving or acquiring a high-profile player without allowing other teams the opportunity to place an offer.

Trades of protected players within 48 hours of the TD Day (which begins 12:01AM on TD day) and of all players within 24 hours of TD Day are subject to counter offers up to 8:30 pm of TD Day.

All trades made on TD Day or following the expiration of the 48- and 24-hour rules must be presented on the owner email list before 8 pm on TD Day.

From 8pm to 8:30 all owners have the opportunity to submit counter offers to the trading owner.

The owner is then required to submit all the counter offers he received, clearly designating which one he is accepting.

All trades must be recorded prior to 9 pm.

All transactions must involve equal parts ie: players – draft picks.

Only draft picks for the up-coming season can be traded.

A traded player cannot be reacquired for one calendar year (Q Rule).

13th round draft picks cannot be traded.

### **Pre-Season Trade Period**

Following the end of trades on TD day, pre-season trades open on the NHL's Free Agency Day, (usually July 1<sup>st</sup>) and last until Protected List Submission Day at noon. Regular season trading begins upon completion of the Main Draft.

### **Sale of Franchises**

Membership will handle the sale of any franchise from any present member. No franchise fees will be returned under any circumstances. The new owners are required to pay the league the appropriate franchise fees (currently \$40.00) by season's end. Any new owner must be approved by majority vote.

### **Expansion**

It was determined in the year 2000 that there were enough players to comfortably support a maximum of 15 teams.

New franchises must be approved by membership and pay the appropriate fees in advance. In the event more than one franchise is accepted a coin toss will decide the order of picks.

In an expansion year:

if there are less than ten (10) existing franchises: all franchises will submit a list of seven (7) protected players, identifying five (5) of which cannot be selected.

if there are ten (10) or more existing franchises: all franchises will submit a list of seven (7) protected players, identifying six (6) of which cannot be selected.

New teams would select in consecutive rounds seven (7) players from the unprotected list from the most recently ended season.

Existing franchises can only lose one player from the two that were exposed. Teams losing a player would fill their roster spot from the list of unprotected players available. Team with the lowest point total would choose first with highest point total choosing last.

If there are two or more expansion teams, a coin toss will determine draft order of expansion teams and placement in the main draft.

Expansion teams will be seeded at the end of the draft order in the main draft, based on their respective placements decided by previously mentioned coin toss.

Rookies that are protected will not be exposed or eligible for the expansion draft in that year.

## **Statistics**

OfficePools.com tracks all stats.

Any ties will be broken by looking more specifically at goals scored and points per game, in that order and if applicable.

All fees associated with OfficePools.com will be paid from Pool Fees (currently \$25.00 approx.) In the past they were paid from Registry Fund.

**Prizes** - based on a full league of 15 franchises (\$1500)

1st \$600  
2nd \$300  
3rd \$200  
4th \$150  
5th \$125  
6th \$100

If 14 franchise, no 6th prize, if 13 no 5th. First should be 40% of total, 2nd should be half of first.

## **Important Pool Dates**

Main Draft - Last Sunday at HIGH NOON before the NHL season starts

Waiver Draft - First Sunday after the 1/4 mark of the season, provided all teams have played at least 20 games.

Trade Deadline - same as NHL, ends at 9pm

Pre-season trade period - begins on NHL free agent day and ends noon on the Sunday 2 weeks prior to Main Draft.

Protected List Submission - midnight on the Sunday 2 weeks prior to Main Draft.

Summer meeting - Last Sunday before the NHL free agency period opens