

# MVCHA POOL PLAYER DRAFT

## ➤ Pool Player Draft Mission:

- To allow clubs that do not have large numbers of players to “draft” available players from a “blind” pool.
- To allow players that do not have an MVCHA High School team in their district, including “home schooled” students and private school students, or players cut from MVCHA teams to enter a pool player draft.

## ➤ Frozen Rosters of Teams Entering The Draft:

- Clubs must note that a completed IMR listing of all players on the team must be received by the Registrar by Aug 26, 2023. This IMR listing will be considered the same as a roster for draft purposes only.
- Clubs must notify the Pool Player Chairman, by Aug 18, 2023 that they wish to participate in the draft. At that time the Chairman will verify that the completed IMR list was turned in to the Registrar. Teams not following the above rules will not be eligible for the draft – no exceptions!!
- Teams declaring entrance into the draft will not be allowed to lower their roster number once they have entered the draft, without permission of the Pool Player Draft Committee.
- ***Drafting clubs will not be allowed to add players after the day of the draft except “hardship” cases which will be by MVCHA Board approval only.***
- *Clubs who do not receive any players through the draft, due to lack of players in the draft, will be allowed to unfreeze their roster to add players.*

## ➤ Eligibility For Clubs To Enter Pool Player Draft:

- Clubs must have a minimum of twelve players rostered in order to participate in the MVCHA league and participate in the pool player draft.
- Clubs must have no more than 24 rostered players in order to participate in the pool player draft.
- Clubs that do not have at least two rostered goalies are eligible for the “goalie” Pool Player Draft.
- Any club that cuts a player is ineligible to enter the draft.
- Merged Clubs will be allowed in the draft if all other eligibility requirements are met.

➤ Eligibility For Players To Enter Pool Player Draft:

- Any 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader who resides in the Metro East St. Louis area who is enrolled in a public or private High School or Junior High School that does not have a hockey team registered in the MVCHA, is eligible for entry in the Pool Player Draft.
- Any 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader who is Home Schooled at the Junior High or High School level, who lives in a school district that does not have an MVCHA team is eligible for entry in the Pool Player Draft.
- Any player cut from an MVCHA team, including Missouri MVCHA affiliated teams, is eligible for this draft.
- Any person who is Home Schooled or attends a Parochial or Private School, and lives in a school district where there is an MVCHA team, will be eligible to play for that MVCHA team without entering the Pool Player Draft.

➤ Pool Player Draft Process:

- The Pool Player Draft will take place Saturday Aug 26, 2023 9:00 AM at East Alton Rink. Clubs must be registered for the draft no later than Friday Aug 18, 2023 to participate.
- All players wishing to enter the Pool Player Draft must submit the completed Player Entry/Information form along with the required deposit, post-marked no later than Aug 18, 2023.
- The pool player draft will be broken down by grade levels. There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade draft first, for those who will be eligible, by virtue of their birth year, to play JV only; followed by a 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade draft, for those who are eligible to play varsity. Each draft will be held separately.
- There will be both an “out-skater” draft and a “goalie” draft at both grade levels, each held separately.
- The goalie draft will be held first, if any. If a team drafts a goalie, their total number of combined JV and Varsity rostered players will increase, and their respective JV roster or Varsity roster will increase, affecting their eligibility and positioning for the out-skater draft at both the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- The order of teams that pick in the draft will be determined by each entered team’s number of rostered players. In addition to providing the total number of players of their combined JV and Varsity roster, teams must report their total number of JV players, and their total number of Varsity players separately. Since the JV and Varsity drafts will be held separately, drafting an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is eligible to play only JV will not change the number of the team’s Varsity roster. However, drafting any

goalie will change the team's total combined (JV and Varsity) roster number.

- The Pool Player Committee Chairman will have the final determination as to the breakdown of the groups and which geographic area each applicant falls under. Every effort will be made to keep players in their geographic area (North/West or South/East).
- In the event that a drafted player has a sibling(s) wishing to be drafted, the drafting team must also take the sibling(s). If the drafting team does not have room for the sibling(s) or would break the maximum allowed, the player will be returned to the draft box and another player will be picked.
- If a drafted player has a sibling who comes of age to play in the MVCHA during the years that he/she is with that drafting team, the sibling will be allowed to play for the same team without having to enter the draft.
- Proof of residence of parent/guardian (such as utility bill or occupancy permit) must accompany application or be presented no later than the day of the draft. No change of guardianship will be allowed to enter the draft.
- If the player notes that he is willing to travel anywhere on his/her entry form, that player will be included in the other geographic area pool draft if he/she hasn't been picked. All team picks in his/her area must be exhausted first.
- Before a team in one geographic area can pick a player from another geographic area, all players in the respective area must have been exhausted.
- All eligible Pool Player entry forms will be folded and put into a draft box.
- Eligible teams wishing to draft will be allowed to pick in the order based on the number of players listed with the registrar prior to the draft. Ex: Team #1 has 14 listed players, team #2 has 15 listed players and team #3 has 16 listed players. Team #1 will pick first, Team #2 will pick second and Team #3 will pick third. In the event that there are teams "tied" in the number of rostered players, the Chairman will pick each team out of a hat. That order will remain for the duration of the draft.
- Each team picks "blind" out of the draft box. The order of pick will continue until all teams in the draft are equal in the number of rostered players. In the above example, after the first round pick, team #1 would pick two more times and team #2 would pick once and then all teams would pick on rotation. The maximum number of players that a team may pick is 8 total players.
- Once a team picks a player from the pool, that team must allow him a roster spot until graduation. Pool players are not allowed to be cut in order to make room on the roster at a later date. Teams wishing to cut a

Pool Player (due to discipline, non-payment, move etc.) must petition the MVCHA Board to do so.

- Once a team picks a player, that player must play for that team until graduation or risk being ineligible. Exceptions (moving, non- ability to pay, etc.) must be made to the MVCHA Board for approval in order to be eligible the next year.
- The Chairman will log each drafted player and the team that drafted them.
- Once the Pool Player Draft is closed there will be no other drafts until the following season, unless a supplemental draft is deemed necessary by the MVCHA Board.
- The MVCHA Pool Player Committee has the final decision on any matter covering the Pool Player draft that may come up; including any that is not covered in this guideline.

➤ Special Notes On Pool Players:

- Every effort must be made by the team to include the drafted player as a vital member of the team, no matter what the ability of that player. The reason a team drafts is that they may not be able to field a team. The drafted Pool Player is a means to keep a struggling team viable. Any abuse of this will be reported to the MVCHA Pool Player Committee for further review of future ability of the offending team to participate in future drafts.
- Every effort must be made by the drafted player to strive to become a vital member of the team that drafted him, no matter what the ability of that team. The reason a player is allowed into the Pool Player Draft is that he/she has no other means of playing High School Hockey and wishes to do so regardless of the team's competitiveness. Any abuse by a player (no-shows to practice or games, non-payment for no excuse, etc.) will be reported to the MVCHA Pool Player Committee for further review of future ability of the offending player to participate in future drafts.
- Players cut from an MVCHA team who enter the Pool Player Draft, may try out for their regular MVCHA team in subsequent years. If they are cut again, they must re-enter the draft again. However, a player who chooses not to try out again for their regular MVCHA team will remain with the original drafting team.

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