

River East Minor Hockey Association (REMHA) Team Formation Process

The following document provides an overview of the REMHA team formation process. All Royals and Eagles teams hosted by REMHA will adhere strictly to this process. Should you have further questions, please reach out to the VP of your child's respective age group. Team formation starts at the conclusion of the evaluation process with players and goalies sorted in ranked order.

Number of Teams, Level and Roster Size

The number of teams, their levels and rosters sizes are determined in accordance with Hockey Winnipeg Rules and the number of registrants for a given age group. Please see Section D of the Hockey Winnipeg Rule Book for more information on this process.

Team Formation Process

Once the number of teams, levels and roster sizes are determined the VP for the respective age group will begin the team formation process. For all age groups teams are formed in order of level starting with A1, followed by A2 and so on until all players have been assigned to a team. Players are sorted based on their ranking in accordance with the REMHA Evaluation Process. Please see the Evaluation Process and Evaluation Metric documents on the REMHA website for more details on how evaluations are conducted.

Team Drafts are administered by the VP of their respective age group. There must be another member of the REMHA board present to oversee each draft. Only the head coaches of the respective teams can be present for the draft. If the head coach is not available, a delegate can attend on the team's behalf. However only one person can be present to represent a team at the draft. Any written materials shared at the draft cannot leave the room, and must be returned to the VP upon conclusion of team formation.

Skaters are selected first. When teams have selected all their skaters, goalie selection can begin.

For any draft, skaters are grouped into two categories:

- **Guaranteed Selections** - Skaters that based on their ranking must be selected by coaches for the draft they are participating in. For a roster size of X skaters, the number of guaranteed selections will equal $(X-2)$ multiplied by the number of teams at that level. For example, if two A1 teams are being drafted, each with 13 skaters on their roster, the number of guaranteed selections would be $(13-2) * 2$ totalling 22 guaranteed selections. This group would include the top 22 skaters available according to their ranked order determined in evaluations.
- **Eligible for Coach Selection** - This would include skaters coaches "may" select to fill out their roster. The number of skaters in this category would be determined by the number of teams being drafted multiplied by 4. For example if the current draft involved three A2 teams, the number of players in the Eligible for Coach Selection Group would be 12. Of this group half the players will be selected during the current draft. Unselected players will become guaranteed selections at the next draft. In the example above the 6 players not selected in the A2 draft would become guaranteed selections for the A3 draft.

Players that fall outside of these two categories cannot be selected. When conducting the draft, all guaranteed selections must be taken before moving on to the Eligible for Coach Selection players.

Skater Selection Order

The head coach with the lowest ranked child will draft skaters first. When three or more teams are being drafted, the initial selection order is based on the head coach's child rankings with the lowest going first. Non-parent coaches' placement in the draft order will be determined by a coin toss. They will perform a coin toss against each head coach they are drafting with to determine their placement in the selection order, with the parent coaches group still ranked based on their child's placement in evaluations. Once the selection order is determined, the following pattern is to be followed, round by round:

- A two team draft will use the following order:
 - 1-2, 2-1 repeating until finished.
- A three team draft will use the following order:
 - 1-2-3, 2-3-1, 3-1-2, 1-2-3, 2-3-1, 3-1-2 repeating until finished.
- A four team draft will use the following order:
 - 1-2-3-4, 2-3-4-1, 3-4-1-2, 4-1-2-3 repeating until finished.

If a goaltender's parent is the head coach, that coach shall pick in a reverse format as follows:

- Drafting 3 teams, goalie ranked #1 picks skater 3rd, goalie ranked #2 picks 2nd skater, goalie ranks #3 or lower picks 1st skater.
- The same format will apply to groups with 2 or 4 teams.

Coaches must select their child when their son/daughter is the highest ranking player remaining in the draft.

The REMHA administrators will track the total evaluation score of the teams being drafted, as it will factor into goalie selection.

If a single team is being formed, their roster will consist of all the guaranteed selections, plus two players from the Eligible for Coach Selection group chosen by the head coach.

Goalie Selection

The number of goalies per team will be determined by registration numbers. The first priority is to ensure every team has a goalie. If there are more goalies than teams, some teams will have two goalies. The level at which the extra goalies will be placed will be determined by the VP of the respective age group. The goal is to place the extra goalies at a level they are capable of, as determined by the evaluation results. When the number of goalies across a level is not balanced (ie. Some teams will have one and others two) the higher ranking goalies will earn the right to be the only goalie on their team.

Goalies will be selected separately following the skater selections. The sum of evaluation scores for the skaters on each team will determine goaltender draft order. The team with the lowest total score will draft a goalie first, followed by the next lowest and so on.

When selecting more than one goalie per team, the draft will use a snake order, reversing for the second round of goalie selection. For example if team's select goalies 1-2-3 in round 1, round 2 will go 3-2-1.

Similar to the skaters, eligible goalies will be grouped into two categories:

- **Guaranteed Selections** - Goalies that based on their ranking must be selected by coaches for the draft they are participating in. The number of guaranteed goalie selections will equal the number of teams being formed. For example, if a draft involves 3 teams, there will be 3 guaranteed goalie selections.
- **Eligible for Coach Selection** - Should the draft require placing a second goalie on one or more teams the Eligible for Coach selection will come into play. The number of goalies in this grouping will be the number of goalie spots that still need to be filled for the draft plus 2, ordered by their evaluation ranking. Goalies not selected from this group will become guaranteed selections in the next draft.

For example, if a 3 team draft must place 4 goalies at that level there will be 3 guaranteed positions since 3 teams are involved. You would also have 3 goalies in the Eligible for Coach Selection group since you have 1 goalie spot to fill plus 2. This means the 3 highest ranked goalies available would be in the guaranteed selection group, and the 4th to 6th highest would fill the Eligible for Coach Selection group.

Goalies that fall outside of these two categories cannot be selected. Goalie selection completes when all the required roster spots are filled.

Trading Players at the Conclusion of Player/Goalie Selection

Trading skaters and goalies at the draft is permitted under the following criteria:

- There are two or more teams being formed
- All player and goalie selections have been completed as per the rules above
- Trades are done in the presence of the draft administrators
- Trades are done within the draft room, prior to any coach exiting the room
- All head coaches involved in the trade agree to the trade being proposed

Rosters are final when head coaches leave the draft room.

Communications after Team Formation

Please do not contact your team until REMHA administrators have sent out the official communication about team placement. This will be communicated within 24 hours after team formation.