

# HCHA Draft Rules – 18U



1. Head coach may protect a maximum of 1 player prior to the start of the player draft. Head coach must send their protected players name to the registrar prior to draft day.
2. Requests for “ride share” and “siblings on same team” are not allowed at the midget level.
3. The goalies will be the 1st players drafted. The team without a goalie will get first choice. Any goalies that are not drafted “as goalies” will then be drafted in the skaters draft (all positions except goalie) and will play the position the coach decides.
4. All returning players will be ranked 1-10 (10 being the best, 1 the lowest) by the prior year’s coach before the draft. Coach’s will return those rankings to the registrar 2 weeks prior to draft day.
5. On draft day, each player will have a card with their ranking. Incoming midget players will skate in a 20 minute “draft” skate and then be ranked by each individual coach. Cards will be collected by the registrar, rankings will be averaged and then written onto each players card.
6. Once rankings are calculated, the Registrar, Secretary, representatives from MAHA and the Head Coach only will gather in the “draft” room to complete the draft.
7. The Registrar will pick from a hat the team that will choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> .....etc depending on amount of teams. Players will continue to be chosen until all players are placed.
8. The number of players on each team shall be as equal as possible. Example: If 40 players sign up, there will be 10 on each team. If 42 player’s sign up then there would be 2 teams of 11 and 2 teams of 10. Players may be moved around at the end of the draft to fit this guideline.
9. All coaches in the midget division “MUST” agree that teams are as fair as possible before the rosters will be set! No exceptions. If a consensus is not reached, a committee of 3 unbiased board members (chosen by the board) will divide the teams according to the above draft rules.

## **Players signing up after the draft:**

1. The team that is ranked the lowest shall have 1st choice of taking this player. The 2nd lowest ranked team may choose to take the player, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest ranked team may choose. If the player is not taken by the other teams, the number 1 ranked team must take that player. This way, depending on the new players ranking, the team with the lowest ranking gets the 1st chance but is not stuck with a player with a low ranking. However if there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> late player signing up, the team who received the 1<sup>st</sup> late player does not have a chance to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> late player. The 2<sup>nd</sup> late player will follow the procedure of the 1<sup>st</sup> late player to be placed on a team. All coaches “must” agree and if a consensus is not reached the player in question will be appointed to a team by a committee of 3 unbiased board members (chosen by the board).