

Senior Player Draft – 2008

1. Introduction

This document sets out the operation of the IHV Senior Player Draft for the Premier A and Premier Reserve 2008 Winter Season.

The Draft enables:

- qualifying Senior players, of Premier A level quality, who are unhappy with their existing club the opportunity to move to another Premier A team
- players who have missed making their existing club's Premier A team a potential opportunity to make another club's Premier A side
- new senior players to join the IHV Premier A competition.
- Premier Reserve players who are unhappy with their existing club the opportunity to move to another Club

For details of how Junior players can be drafted into the Senior Competition please refer to the Junior Player Draft Guidelines.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Senior Player Draft is to:

- (i) Help create and maintain a balanced Premier A and Premier Reserve competition by controlling the transfer of players between clubs and the allocation of new players
- (ii) Provide a means for Premier A clubs to fill their 'Premier A Active List' (see Article 3 below for details) from outside their club's existing registered player base

3. Premier A Active List

Each Premier A club will be required to maintain a '**Premier A Active List**' of a maximum of seventeen (17) players including 2 goalies. These individuals are the only players who are able eligible to play an unlimited number of the club's Premier League games. All other players not nominated on the Active List are limited to playing a maximum of 7 Premier A games within the season.

Note: Junior Players who are on a club's active list are NOT allowed play Junior Elite hockey.

4. Premier Junior List

For the 2008 Season each club will also nominate a '**Premier Junior List**' of up to three (3) players from their 2007 registered Junior A Team List. This list is restricted to players who are 16 years of age (as per IHV's standard age definition) and who are still actively playing Junior Elite in 2008. These players are eligible to play a maximum of seven (7) Premier League or Reserve League matches in a season without compromising their status as a Junior Elite player.

The role of this list is to allow promising young players to 'test the waters' and try the senior standard of hockey without losing their Junior status.

If a club wishes to play such a player an eighth senior game in a season, that player will then be classified as a Senior player and will no longer be allowed to play Junior Elite.

Each club's "Premier Junior List" players are the only Junior players permitted to play in both Junior Elite and Senior Hockey in the one Round (Subject to only playing in either Premier A or Premier Reserve (not both))

5. Eligibility for the draft.

Entry into the Draft is conditional upon the player completing the 2008 Senior Player Draft Nomination form and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Draft.

Only IHV Senior 'Contact' Registered players, and IHV approved Juniors can enter the draft.

.1 Existing Player Transfers

For the purposes of determining a player's "existing club" it is deemed to be the club that player was last registered with according to IHV Registration records.

A player's existing club, as defined above, must approve a player's entry into the Draft by confirming the said player does not have an outstanding debts owed to that club.

A club cannot refuse permission for a player to enter the draft unless there are outstanding monies owed to the club. To prevent clubs unreasonably withholding permission any disputes in this regard will be determined by IHV.

All outstanding debts to a player's existing club and/or IHV must be settled in full prior to the player being accepted into the Draft.

.2 New Players

No new player can participate in the IHV Premier Senior competition unless they have joined IHV via an IHV draft process.

6. Assignments to Clubs

Assignment of Players will commence with the allocation of players to Premier A level teams – this is the Premier A Draft. When all available Premier A positions have been assigned the Premier Reserve Draft will take place.

The sequence of the allocation of players to the respective Premier A clubs will be determined by IHV Executive based on the assessment of the clubs Premier A roster and with the primary view of ensuring a balanced competition.

The sequence of the allocation of players to the respective Premier Reserve clubs will be determined by IHV Executive based on the assessment of the Premier Reserve roster and Premier Junior List and with the primary view of ensuring a balanced competition.

If a player is drafted by a club, and indicates they subsequently will not play for the club, the club will be assigned another player. See Penalties Article 11 below.

Note: Whilst the composite Premier A side 'Tigers' exists, players assigned during the draft process will be assigned specifically to one of the two clubs making up the Tigers and shall remain with that club when the composite team is disbanded.

Whilst players can record a preference they cannot elect or dictate which club they are assigned to.

Players may indicate at the time of their nomination whether they are prepared to be included in a Premier Reserve allocation if they are not assigned to a Premier A Club as a result of the Premier A Draft process.

(Note: As with the Premier A Draft a player entering the Premier Reserve Draft must agree to be assigned to any club participating in the Draft - exceptions in both Drafts are catered for in regard to being assigned to Bendigo.)

IHV retains the right to approve all Draft assignments in order to maintain a balanced competition and ensure the integrity of the grade.

7. Duration of the Assignment

Players assigned to a club via the Senior Draft remain with that club until the player is re-assigned in a subsequent draft process or they permanently retire from IHV Premiership hockey.

8. Non Selected Players

If a player is not drafted they remain with their existing club.

9. New Players arriving or between Drafts

Import or Interstate players wishing to play in IHV's Premier Senior Contact Hockey grades must complete a draft nomination form. Allocation of the player to a club will be determined by the IHV Executive and be based on the circumstances of the competition at the time of nomination.

No Club can directly accept registration of a player to play Premier Senior Contact Hockey.

10. Timing and Frequency of the Draft

The 2008 Pre-Season draft will be held Friday 28 March 2008 at 6.45 PM at Oakleigh Ice Rink.

All players wishing to enter the draft must nominate by contacting the IHV Secretary and completing the 2008 Premier A Draft Nomination form by 5.00 pm 26 March 2008.

All Clubs must advise their Draft player requirements by 5.00 pm 26 March 2008

A second draft mid season will be called if deemed necessary by the IHV Executive – the timing and guidelines to be determined according to the circumstances of the competition.

11. Penalties

A player nominating for the Draft and then failing to fulfil his/her obligations to play for the Club to which he/she is assigned under the Draft will be subject to possible penalties as determined by the IHV Executive, including possible withdrawal of IHV Registration for the 2008 season.

Clubs found to be attempting to compromise the integrity of the Draft will be subject to possible penalties and/or fines as determined by the IHV Executive.