

MEDICINE HAT LACROSSE CLUB ASSESSMENT/DRAFT PROTOCOL

Definitions:

- a. **Player** – any person registered with the ALA, within Medicine Hat Lacrosse Club.
- b. **Coach** – any person registered with the ALA as a coach of a lacrosse team, within MHLC.
- c. **MHLC** – Medicine Hat Lacrosse Club
- d. **Club** – our association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws, regulations, rules, and policies of SALA (LGB) , and the ALA and are approved by the Board, and operates a program in Lacrosse with one or more Lacrosse teams.
- e. **LGB** – Local Governing Body
- f. **SALA** – Southern Alberta Lacrosse Association
- g. **ALA** – Alberta Lacrosse Association
- h. **Board** - the executive of the MHLC.
- i. **Appeal** – appeal process will be directed to the board of the MHLC, written or verbal.
- j. **Number** – an average rating, based upon assessment of those representing MHLC.
- k. **Assessment** – an objective overview of a players skills, and projected development.
- l. **Draft** – placing players on teams to comply with current SALA guidelines, in keeping teams within league regulations of a parity system.

ASSESSMENTS/DRAFTING REGULATIONS

1. Assessments will assign each player either a 1,2,3 or 4 rating. 1 will be the strongest player rating.
2. Assessing will be done by an objective group of MHLC representatives, (past coaches, junior players, impartial executive members). All assessments on players will be averaged, at the end, to give each player a number (1,2,3,4) Player will be assessed on a number of skills including: Speed, Stamina, Passing, Catching, Ball Control, Positional Play, Lacrosse Sense (understanding of the game, desire, work ethic)...the higher the level of age division, the more categories will be evaluated.
Coaches of assessed levels will be asked to be in attendance, but will have no bearing on assessments given to players.
3. Once assessments are finished, a draft will occur to divide the set amount of teams as equally as possible. A neutral member of the board will be present to oversee the proceedings. One other member of the Club will be present to record proceedings. Each player's number will be posted and utilized for the draft.
4. Two coaches per team will be allowed to attend the draft. This means, only their players will be “protected” in the draft. Each of these players will be assigned a number, prior to the draft. Protected players will be automatically selected in the draft round which they are ranked.

- 5. The draft order, in the first round, shall be determined by averaging the rankings of the teams protected players. The team with the lowest ranking of the protected players will pick first. The team with the next lowest ranking will pick second, and so forth.**

- 6. All 1's will be drafted first. The draft will not move on until this level is completed.**
****Should there only be one goalie in a division which requires more than one team, that goalie will be ranked as a 1. This will not reflect a skill level for that player, only the importance of the commitment to that position.****

- 7. Draft will move onto 2's once 1's are picked. Once those players are picked, it moves onto 3's, and then 4's, until all players are placed on teams.**

- 8. There will be no allowances for picking out of level, in accordance to the draft protocol.**
Ex: No allowance of picking a 2 ranked player until round 1 is finished. In accordance, no 3's will be picked until 2's are finished, as no 4's will be picked until 3's are finished.

- 9. At the end of the draft, once all players have been selected, teams will be reviewed by the board. Teams may be allowed one trade at the end of the draft, with the unanimous consent of all coaches present, and the agreement of the Board. Players traded must be of equal ability and overall ranking. Trade must be made with all coaches present. There will be no trading of players between teams once the draft meeting is adjourned. As the MHLC has a responsibility to ensure parity in each division (to the best of their ability), should there be any ongoing conflicts, they will be dealt with on an appeal process to the board. The board may impose redrafting of players, or entire teams.**

- 10. Players will be notified within 48 hours of the draft. League play will commence 1-2 weeks following the draft.**

- 11. Drafting of late registrants will be dealt with on a case by case assessment.**
Assessment will be dealt with by division coaches and at least two board members.
Players will be assigned to teams as follows:
 - a. To the teams with the fewest numbers of players (coaches names will be drawn to determine order of selection)**
 - b. after teams all have the same amount of players, the board will assign players to coaches in the order they were in the original draft.**