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## 1.0 LEAGUE INFORMATION

- **COMMISSIONERS**  
Commissioner – Brent (Oilers)  
Co-Commissioner – Chris (Flyers), Chris (Maple Leafs), Nick (Red Wings)
- **Addresses**  
Portal – <http://oilcountryhockeyleague.com/home.php>  
Facebook Group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1210826129072784/>  
Slack – oilcountryhockey.slack.com
- **Responsibilities**  
No TANKING allowed  
Responding to trade offers, no matter how bad the offer may be  
All GM's required to submit lines weekly  
Being Active (monthly checks)
- **League Format**  
Will run 2 OCHL seasons to one NHL  
Daily Sims  
Players age on their actual birthdates  
Injuries will be turned ON  
Players playing out of position will be affected
- **League Flow**  
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REGULAR SEASON  
TRADE DEADLINE 80% SEASON  
PLAYOFFS

- **Communication**  
All GM's must have slack  
Writing articles is recommended but not forced upon  
Email/Slack/Text/Facebook are all ways of communication
- **Penalties/Fines**  
Teams over cap will face penalties  
First Offence – Top Scorer gets 5 game suspension  
Second Offence – Top Scorer suspended 10 Games  
Third Offence – Top two scorers suspended 10 Games Each  
Fourth Offence – Fired!

## 2.0 Roster Regulations

- **Requirements**  
18 Skaters & 2 Goalies Dressed  
5 Goalies on roster (2 NHL, 3 AHL)  
Minimum 42 contracts/Maximum 55 Contracts
- **Waivers**  
Any player 23 and under can travel from NHL to AHL without waivers unless on one-way contract  
Players 24+ have to clear waivers to be AHL eligible  
Players will not have to clear waivers in off-season/pre-season  
How to claim, open up client load latest file. Click on the waivers link once in you team and it will show who is on waivers
- **AHL Eligibility**  
MAX 2 players/goalies over the OV maximum allowed to play AHL per team  
Overall for eligible Forwards/Defence is 68. Goalies is 73OV  
Any contract can play in the AHL. One-way contracts will affect your NHL cap though
- **Goalie Start Limits**  
Goalies can start a MAXIMUM of 64 games  
If they start over 64 games, they will be suspended for 7 games + team fined 2M + Goalie will face a no rerate season  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VB06JoV8CA-ILh\\_HTp9BvVZlgLfZcCE5FzP4RLN57s/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VB06JoV8CA-ILh_HTp9BvVZlgLfZcCE5FzP4RLN57s/edit?usp=sharing)
- **Position Changes**  
It must state C, LW, RW, D for a player to play those positions  
C/W or W does not get them both positions on the wing

- **Line-up Restrictions**  
Forward Lines can be set to a maximum of 35%  
Double shifting is not ALLOWED  
4<sup>th</sup> forward line must play 8%  
Default forward line up will be 32%, 30%, 25%, 13%

### 3.0 Contracts

- **Free Agency**  
MAX salary is 20% of the salary cap  
Minimum salary is 685K  
Maximum 8 offer out a one time  
Signing Bonus are not allowed, any bids with them will be void  
Free Agents can decline a contract if they are being lowballed = 30% less of ask in first 48 hrs  
One-way contract is guaranteed if offer is 4M or above  
Max contract length is 4 years to any free agent  
If you sign a player that puts you over the cap, they will be released back into free agency
- **Restricted Free Agency**  
RFA age is 18 – 23  
Contract Length maximum is 4 years  
You can own any teams pick to bid on a player as compensation  
Owner of player will have 24 hours to accept or decline offer sheet  
4M + will guarantee a one-way contract  
Current Average Salary – Draft Pick Compensation  
\$3,000,000 and below – No Compensation  
\$3,000,001 to \$4,000,000 – Third Round Pick  
\$4,000,001 to \$5,200,000 – Second Round Pick  
\$5,200,001 to \$6,500,000 – First & Third Round Pick  
\$6,500,001 to \$7,600,000 – First, Second, Third  
\$7,600,001 to \$10,000,000 – Two First, Second, Third  
\$10,000,001 and up - Four First Round Picks  
Max Contract offer is 4 years  
RFA is determined when season begins, if player is 23 when begins, qualify as RFA
- **Arbitration**  
Players who had all three attempts used will be taken to arbitration if not offer sheeted  
1-year deal will be offered going off the resign chart  
If team declines 1-year deal, player becomes UFA  
If you fail to sign player again after taking to arbitration, they become a UFA
- **Unrestricted Free Agency**  
Players become UFA at age 24  
Maximum contract offer is 4 years
- **Extensions**  
Owner has 3 chances to sign player  
Max can resign is 6 UFA players per season  
Can resign unlimited RFA  
You can trade a player's rights if you have 1 attempt left

Extensions are done via portal -

<http://www.oilcountryhockeyleague.com/TeamFreeAgents.php>

- **Coaches**

Teams can only poach one coach per season from another teams AHL team

Coaches contracts will never end unless fired

- **No Trade Clause**

To waive NTC you will need to PM/Email Commish and random.org will run a % to see if player will waiver or not

Player must be 25 years old to be eligible to sign one

Cannot waive NTC in 1<sup>st</sup> year of contract

Each player has 3 chances max to waive NTC

Can only waive NTC in off-season and at the trade deadline

Players with NTC can only be traded once per season

Percentages are as follows

0-22% = Player waives for 4 team list

23-40% = Player refuses to waive for season

41-60% = Player waives for 8 team list

61-80% = Player refused to waive for season

81-100% - Player waives for 12 teams

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wzhlHo7vdV-U\\_Yi9KoTdmlGu7vGEjxZUDsLV1SKROeo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wzhlHo7vdV-U_Yi9KoTdmlGu7vGEjxZUDsLV1SKROeo/edit?usp=sharing)

- **35+ Contracts**

Any 35+ Signing when player retires the team that signed & current team will split the contract for the remaining years

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#### 4.0 Salary Cap

- **Ceiling/Floor**

Ceiling will always follow the NHL

Floor will always be 20.7M Less

AHL salary cap is set at 4,000,000 (AHL is 10% of players salary)

Teams under the cap will have player forced to NHL

One-way contract will go against NHL cap if playing in AHL

- **Buyouts**

Each team will be allotted 2 buy-outs every off-season

A buyout will make your team carry 1/3 of the salary per season for double the years if player is 27 and younger

28 and older will make you carry 2/3 remaining salary

You are NOT allowed to sign a player you bought out that off-season

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19i1lfznmLhXhBnllsGQ5d20axQeCtSgLR1aNx8cWX0/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Long Term Injury Reserve**

Players who fall below 92 condition will not count toward salary cap

- **Retaining Salary**

Teams can retain max 50% salary per season

Teams can retain 1 year or contract duration

Maximum 3 salary retentions at one time

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## 5.0 Entry Draft

- **Scouting**

Eligible prospects will be from the year drafted & from the season we are doing odds or even picks

- **Overview**

Entry drafts will be conducted every sim season, odds one season, evens next

We will determine draft class by random.org

Drafts will be four rounds

Prospect must be created within three seasons of being drafted, otherwise they will go back into the draft. Owing GM may use a fourth-round pick to retain but must tell Commish before draft begins

- **Draft Pick Owners**

Each team must own one pick at all times

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- **Draft Eligible Players**

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- **Lottery Odds**

Draft order is determined by a draft lottery

Three lottery winners

Last place 31% = 31 Balls

Second 24% = 24 Balls

Third 20% = 20 Balls

Fourth 10% = 10 Balls

Fifth 7% = 7 Balls

Sixth 5% = 5 Balls

Seventh 2% = 2 Balls

Eighth 1% = 1 Ball

100% = 100 Balls

- Draft Lottery decided by [www.draftpicklottery.com](http://www.draftpicklottery.com)

- Video Reveal

## 6.0 Prospects

- **Maximum Prospects**

One team may not carry more than 20 prospects at one time

Prospects must be created within 3 seasons of being drafted, after that they will go back into the draft, team owning player can use a fourth-round pick to retain pick for additional three years

Prospects can be bought out at any time from list

- **Eligibility to Create Prospect**

Prospect must be signed to NHL contract

- **Prospect Creations**

Creations will be based off the prospect calculator I have, based off junior season stats

\*MAX PROSPECT OVERALL IS 700V FWD/D – 750V Goalie\*

ROUND DRAFTED in OCHL - BOOST - PLAYERS

TOP 10 = +1 OV increase

ROUND DRAFTED in OCHL - BOOST - GOALIES

1ST round = +1 OV increase

AGE STARTING PO

Age 17-20 = 95 Potential

Age 21-22 = 82 Potential

Age 23-24 = 74 Potential

Age 25-26 = 50 Potential

Age 27-28 = 25 Potential

Age 29-30 = 15 Potential

Age 31 = 05 Potential

Age 32+ = 1 Potential

Entry Level contracts will be 3 year @ 925,000

Prospects drafted from same year draft that we are selecting from will enter as 17-year old's, 1 year 18 years old, 2 years 19 years old, 3 years 20 years old, 4 years 21 years old

Prospects aged 17-19 will have a 3-year ELC

Prospects aged 20-22 will have a 2-year ELC

Prospect that has played 50+ NHL games will be created off those stats

Prospect not created with in 3 seasons of being drafted will go back into the draft which owning gm can use a 4TH round pick to retain rights but must create that off-season

Prospects must be created by age 21

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- **NHL Stat Creation**

Prospects that play 50 NHL games will be created off those stats

MAX creation of 2 players off NHL STATS per season

- **Maximum Creations per year**

Maximum of 8 prospects can be created every off-season

- **Prospect Creation Period**

Prospects can only be created in the off-season

## 7.0 Trading

- **What Can be Traded/Rules**

You can trade Picks/Players/Coaches/Money

Commish does have the power to veto any trade

Teams that miss the playoffs can trade during playoffs

No trades are processed till off-season

Trade Deadline is 80% of season

Rights to a player

- **No Trade Clause**  
Player must waive before being traded
- **Draft Picks**  
Teams may not trade picks more than three years ahead (ex: If in year 9 can only trade year 9 & 10 & 11)  
Teams must retain one pick at all times
- **Free Agent Signings**  
Players signed in free agency cannot be traded till the 41-game mark of that season

## 8.0 Rerates

- **NHL**  
One NHL rerate every other off-season  
NHL rerated player comes NHL contract, if contract is on its last year then salary is determined by average of all players at new OV at same position  
NHL Rerated player will become their actual age in real life  
**Can only NHL rerate a player from your roster after the deadline, can not acquire someone later on**  
**EACH PLAYER CAN ONLY BE NHL RERATED ONCE IN CAREER**  
NHL rerate candidate must be posted by playoffs  
NHL Rerate candidate must be signed past the season of the rerate to qualify, expiring deals in sim cannot be NHL rerated
- **STHS/SIM**  
Rerates are done via sim re-rates  
Rerates are done in the off-season  
NHL rerates are a MAX change of 4  
AHL rerates are a max change of 3  
Sim re-rate will not do SK/ST on FWD/D & SK/SZ on Goalie  
Players aged 17-27 will get sim rerates  
Players aged 28 + will not get sim rerates – as have already hit there peak  
Players aged 17-23 will increase +2 in ST/SK  
Players aged 24-27 will increase 1 in each ST/SK  
Players aged 28-31 will see no change in ST/SK  
Players aged 31-32 will drop in SK by -2 ST -1
- **33+ Player Regression**  
Players will start to decrease in ability/stats starting at age 33 every year of NHL rerate
  - 33-year old's drop 1 point in each category CK, SK, PH, PA, SC, DF
  - 34-year old's drop 2 points in each category CK, SK, PH, PA, SC, DF
  - 35-36-year old's drop 3 points in each category CK, SK, PH, PA, SC, DF
  - 37-38-year old's drop 4 points in each category CK, SK, PH, PA, SC, DF
  - 39 + year old's drop 6 points in each category CK, SK, PH, PA, SC, DF

## 9.0 Playoffs

- **Overview**  
16 teams make playoffs

Top 8 teams in each division make it  
Best of 7 series  
Each round east/west will be simmed daily

- **Prediction Contest**

Playoff Predictions

All teams will send in predictions on how they feel the playoffs will play out.

How many games will a series go?

Winner of each round

Goals scored for the cup finals in case of tiebreaker

1st place - 8 points

2nd place - 4 points

3rd place - 1 points

\*WINNER FOR AHL & NHL PLAYOFFS\*

\*WINNERS CAN USE POINTS ON ANY PLAYER ON THEIR ROSTER! MAX 2 POINTS FOR 1 PLAYER\*

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## 10.0 Off-Season

- **Retirements**

When a player retires that was signed after he turned 35+ years old, his cap hit will be with team that originally signed + owning team till the contract would have ended. He must play at least one year on that new deal for this to affect you

Retirement percentages are as follows

AGE 38 = 5%

AGE 39 = 25%

AGE 40 = 30%

AGE 41 = 75%

AGE 42 = 100%

Player will retire if have not played in NHL/AHL for 3 years

25 & under will have rights retained by team owner, if player signs new contract after retirement they will be automatically recreated with the old stats

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YbHoa7zv7w0K4v78TO9yX1Phwlebd6K8QWV1ygvvwRM/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Trophies**

Awards will be handed out every off-season

One player can win multiple awards but will only get one bonus points

NHL (Decided by STHS Simulator)

Stanley Cup - You are given 5 points to use on any NHLer or coach on the team

Norris Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Vezina Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Hart Memorial Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Art Ross Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the Winner

Calder Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner,

Jack Adams Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

GM of the Year - You are given 5 points to use on any player AHL (Decided by GM Votes)

Calder Cup - You are given 5 points to use on any AHLer or coach on the team

Norris Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Vezina Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Hart Memorial Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Art Ross Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy - You are given 5 points to use on the winner

**\*\*Maximum two points per category. Also, if you win the Cup plus another award you can not double up points on one player/coach \*\***

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- **Rule Changes**

Rule changes will be discussed in the off-season

Any team may propose a rule change

All rule changes will be put to a vote which for it to pass must be a 70% in favor

Rulebook will be updated with all rule change