Draft and Rosters

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3.1. The Draft

The 2025 GFHL Live Draft will take place on **Monday, September 28, at 8:30PM EDT / 5:30 PM PDT**, and will be hosted online by Fantrax. A Draft Party will take place simultaneously online in the GFHL Discord server. Any owner who wishes to join the Draft Party can log in by clicking the "Draft Night Lounge" voice channel in the server. While not required, participation in the Draft Party is encouraged.

All owners are expected to participate in the online Draft, either remotely or at the Draft Party. You can participate in

the draft by logging onto the Fantrax league homepage and clicking "Draft Room," or through the Fantrax app on
your smartphone.

If you cannot make it to the Draft, it's your responsibility to set your team's draft priorities prior to the time of the Draft.

3.2. Draft Format

The GFHL Draft will be a snake draft, and the Draft order will be based on a lottery system, with the last-place team from the previous season receiving the highest number of chances to win the first overall pick in the lottery. Lottery chances are normally allocated as follows:

1. 12th place: 24 chances
2. 11th place: 22 chances
3. 10th place: 20 chances
4. 9th place: 18 chances
5. 8th place: 16 chances
6. 7th place: 14 chances
7. 6th place: 6 chances
8. 5th place: 5 chances
9. 4th place: 4 chances
10. 3rd place: 3 chances
11. 2nd place: 2 chances
12. 1st place: 1 chance

3.3. Keepers

3.3.1 Keeper Rules

Each owner may keep up to 4 players from their previous season’s roster. Owners may keep players drafted in the 3rd–21st rounds of last season's draft. Players drafted in the 1st and 2nd rounds of the previous draft may **not** be selected as a keeper. If you elect to keep any players, they will replace your draft pick for the round 2 above the value at which they were drafted.

For example, if you choose to keep a player drafted in the 3rd round of last season's draft, that player will count as your 1st round pick in this season's draft. If you choose to keep a player drafted in the 12th round of last season's draft, that player will take up your 10th round pick in this season's draft.

If you are electing to keep a player who was undrafted in the previous draft, he will count against your 10th round draft pick in the upcoming draft, unless you’re already keeping a player drafted in the 12th round in October 2022, in which case he’ll count against your 11th round pick. If you're choosing to keep a player who would count against a draft pick that you traded away during the previous season, that player will drop in value by one round.

For example, if you traded away your 3rd round pick and you would like to keep a player drafted in the 5th round in last season's draft, that keeper will count against your 4th round pick in this season's draft, and his value will adjust accordingly in next season's draft.

If you are electing to keep two players who were both drafted in the same round in the previous draft (you may have obtained one or more of such players through a trade or a waiver claim) and you have only one pick in the round they are valued at, the player with the higher ADP will count against your pick in the round one earlier than that player's original value.

For example, if you drafted a player in the 6th round in 2024 and traded for a player during the 2024-25 season who was also drafted in the 6th round, the player with the higher ADP between the two players will count against your 3rd round pick while the player with the lower ADP will count against your 4th round pick as usual.

If you happen to have 2 draft picks (due to a trade in the previous season) in a round that also happens to have 2 of your chosen keepers, the keepers will count against your 2 picks in that round, and no player will count against your pick in the earlier round.

3.3.2. How to Set Keepers

You can set your keepers in Fantrax by going to the sidebar on the left of the screen and hovering your mouse over "Team" and clicking "Keeper Admin." On the Fantrax app, you'll set your keepers by tapping your team icon in the lower left corner of the screen, tapping "Team" in the menu that

pops up, and then tapping "Keeper Admin" in the next menu. Once you're in the Keeper Admin screen, tap or click the switch next to any player you'd like to keep. After you've set your keepers, it's helpful to send a message to the Commissioner and/or Co-Commissioners notifying them that you've set your keepers. They will then review your keepers to ensure that they adhere to the keeper rules.

Below is a video tutorial for setting your keepers.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/VZACfelnsjQ

3.4. Roster Composition

Each team will have the following roster composition: 21 players consisting of 3 centers, 3 right-wingers, 3 left-wingers, 4 defenders, 1 goaltender, 1 utility position, and 6 bench spots.

Additionally, each team has a total of 4 IR spots available. The IR spots are available for any players who are listed as injured, irrespective of their IR status in the NHL. Players who are not available due to COVID-19 may also be placed on IR.

If there is a player who is legitimately considered injured or unavailable due to COVID-19, but Fantrax is not allowing you to move the player to IR, the Commissioner and Co-Commissioners will be able to assist.

3.5. Starting Lineups

3.5.1. Competitive Starting Lineups

Owners are expected to set their starting lineups for each day of NHL competition. A competitive starting lineup is defined as a lineup that has all on-ice roster positions occupied by active players. Players listed as “IR,” “Out,” or “Day-to-Day” are not considered part of a competitive starting lineup.

While the Commissioner and Co-Commissioners will not actively check every team’s starting lineup throughout the season, owners that have multiple complaints filed against them about not setting a competitive starting lineup may be in danger of losing their membership in the GFHL during the following offseason. First-year owners who have multiple severe complaints filed against them may be forced to transfer ownership and management of their team to a new owner during the current season.

We understand that there are valid reasons an owner may be unable to set a competitive starting lineup for each day of a matchup, so these starting lineup rules are in place for the rare situation in which an owner has become inactive for many matchups.

If at any point during the season you think you might not be able to maintain a competitive starting lineup for several weeks on end, please reach out to the Commissioner and Co-Commissioners to let them know of your circumstance. They may advise inviting a co-owner to help manage your team or assist you in finding someone to help.

3.5.2. Starting Lineup Requirements

Each team will start 15 players in the following positions and amounts: 3 C, 3 RW, 3 LW, 4 D, 1 UTIL, 1 G.