

A NHL Single Elimination Tournament for 1st Draft choice

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The proposal below is for a single elimination (one game) tournament to decide which team get the first selection in the NHL draft. The tournament winner gets first draft choice. The rest of the selections in the first round are determined by where a team finishes in the tournament. Numbers below indicate rank of a team in some ordering (e.g. regular season ROW) among teams that did not make the playoffs. Thus, 14th ranked team (14 below) is by some measure the worst team in the league.

All games are played at the home arena of the higher ranked (i.e. worse) team.

Draft order is determined by how far a team makes it in the tournament. First selection goes to the winner of the tournament. 2nd selection goes to the other finalist. The rest of the order is determined by how far a team progresses in the tournament. Draft ordering among those teams that lost in a given round is by higher rank. Team 14 at worst ends up with the 3rd pick and Team 13 at worst ends with the 4th pick, etc.

Players are only eligible to play in the Consolation Cup Playoffs that were on team rosters at the trade deadline following the same rules as teams bound for the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Selections in the 2nd round (and thereafter) are determined by regular season performance.

