

NFHL 2003-2004 Season Rules

Note: All text in red indicates change from previous season.

League Overview

The National Fantasy Hockey League (NFHL) consists of owners who select players from National Hockey League (NHL) rosters. 23 players are selected using NHL player salaries and a pre-determined NFHL salary cap. Points are awarded to individual NHL players according to the NFHL scoring system. League Champion is determined by highest accumulated points of selected number of NHL players at the end of the NHL regular season. Prize distribution varies depending on number of owners.

Ownership & Management

The NFHL has two league commissioners that govern league rules & regulations, statistics, ownership fees and prize distribution. The Board of Governors consists of all member of the NFHL, which provide input regarding any league changes. The league commissioners determine all final decisions on league policies. Each owner must submit a home city and nickname for each franchise. If you were an owner from the 2002-2003 season the team name must remain the same unless Commissioners give approval of change. The NFHL Commissioners must approve all new franchise names etc. NFHL owners must submit entry fee by Saturday, September 27, 2003. **New Owners & Franchises will be awarded on a first come first paid basis.** Owners will not have to have rosters completed until the first game of the 2003-2004 NHL Season (October 8th, 2003). The NFHL will use www.officepools.com for owners to keep daily updates of player and league standings. Each owner will receive user name and password to access the site. As well divisional standings, news, owner and team information will be available at the NFHL site at <http://pw1.netcom.com/~rnekich/nfhl.htm>

Entry Fee & Prize Pool

NFHL entry fee for the 2003-2004 Season is **\$30.00 (Can.)** The NFHL will accept a U.S. payment of \$22.50. Fees must be paid directly to the commissioners via check, money order, cash or PAYPAL (U.S funds only with administration fee) and post marked no later than **SEPTEMBER 27, 2003**. **Make check or money order payable to either commissioner.** As well a franchise registration form must be emailed prior to September 20, 2003. If these conditions are not met the application will NOT be permitted. The Commissioners determine the numbers of league owners. Commissioners have the right to disqualify any application. **IMPORTANT! Prize pool will be paid in Canadian Funds or converted to U.S funds (if requested) at the going rate at time of payment (Late April 2004).**

Divisional Alignment

The NFHL consist of a four-division format with names of Smythe, Norris, Adams and Patrick. The league commissioners will determine divisional alignment on October 1, 2003. Owners can request a preferred division to play in. (This will allow the owner to compete against fellow rival owners). Selection will be given on a first paid, first choice basis. If the number of owners is not divisible by 4, the extra teams will be placed in the Smythe, Norris and then Adams division in that order. Winners of the respective divisions from the 2002-2003 Season will automatically be placed in the same division for this season to defend their title.

Rosters

Each franchise must select a total of **23** players from actual NHL rosters & salaries that is compiled by the NFHL. The salary list will determine a league average per player and this will be used to calculate the season's salary cap. Rosters **must** be filled with **23** NHL players with minimum 10 forwards, **6** defencemen, **and 2** goalies. **5** additional players must also be chosen. **No roster changes may occur** regardless of player injury, minor league demotion or trade.

Salary Cap, Franchise Player & Salary List

For the 2003-04 Season the NFHL has adapted a new "Franchise Player Rule". Each team may designate one (1) player as a "Franchise Player" and that player will be exempt from the salary cap. The remaining 22 players salaries on the roster must not exceed the pre-determined salary cap for the 2003-2004 season that has been set at **\$43 Million**. Players may be selected that are not included on salary list for \$1 Million. The same player may not be designated as a "Franchise Player" in consecutive years. Free agents that have not been signed by time of printing may have been given a salary determined by NHL team offer and player agents salary request or an arbitrated salary may have been given to free agents determined by comparing career average and 02/03 points with newly signed players for the upcoming NHL season. This information will be obtained from 'The Hockey News' 2003-2004 Yearbook. Salaries were obtained from sources including "The Hockey News", "The Sports News", NHL & NHLPA Web Sites.

Point System

Skaters (forward & defencemen) are awarded points in several categories: 1 point awarded for each goal and assist. Goalies are awarded points in several categories. 2 points awarded for each win, 1 point for each tie, shutout, goal or assist. Statistical information supplied by "The Hockey News" will be used to determine final point standings. Owner's total points are determined by accumulated points of top 10 forwards, 6 defencemen, and 2 goalies (**only 18 players**) on **23**-player roster. Overall leader in points decides league Champion at end of NHL regular season. In case of tie in any position in standings the following format will be used:

1. Most **goals** of top 10 forwards & 6 defencemen (16 players) & **points** from top 2 goalies.
2. Most **points** of top 10 forwards & 6 defencemen (16 players).
3. Most **goals** of top 10 forwards & 6 defencemen (16 players).
4. Most **points** of top 10 forwards.
5. Most **goals** of top 10 forwards.
6. Most **points** from top 2 goalies.
7. Prize is equally distributed between tied owners.

NFHL Lottery

Upon completion of the season a Lottery will be held in June 2004 on the same day as the NHL Draft. Each team will be assigned a two digit numbers (00-99) determined by the team's final placement in the standings. The worst team will receive the most numbers while the NFHL Champion will receive the least. Using the Pennsylvania 3 digit Daily Number the team's number that matches the last two digits of the Daily Number will be deemed the NFHL Lottery winner. Depending on the number of franchises will determine number allocations. The worst team will be given no more than 5% chance while the NFHL Champion will be given at least a 1% chance. The winner of the Lottery will win the NFHL Lottery Prize (see below).

Prize Distribution

Prize pool determined by number of owners x \$30 (Cdn) ownership fee.

PRIZE POOL FUNDS FOR 2003-2004 Season

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT	2002-2003
League Champion	80% of Prize Pool**	\$720
2nd Place - Overall Standings	20% of Prize Pool**	\$180
Division Winners	\$60 (4 Winners)	\$60
NHL All-Star Break Leader	\$30	\$30
NFHL Lottery Winner	\$30	\$30

All Prizes determined in Canadian Funds and will be converted to U.S. funds if necessary. **After \$300 deducted from Prize Pool. A \$20 amount will be removed from prize pool to cover cost of website service at www.officepools.com. 2003-2004 prize funds are estimated with 40 franchise entries.

Commissioners

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