



DWSHL RULEBOOK

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Current CBA: http://www.dwshl.com/dwshl_cba1.html

1. GOLDEN RULES

1. Commissioners reserve the right to change rulings at any time if seen necessary.
2. Treat each other as you would like to be treated.
3. Refrain from public disputes.
4. If there is something on your mind please speak to the commissioner in private.
5. Do not use the message board to vent.

2. GM ACTIVITY

GMs in the DWSHL are required to make the utmost effort to maintain a premium level of activity. All GMs must have ICQ and are required to respond to e-mail on a regular basis.

1. **Weekly Message Board Post**-All GMs must make a minimum of one message board post per week. Failure to do so may result in removal from the league.
2. **GM Check In**-All GMs must respond to any GM check in. Checks may be done in the message board or via e-mail. Failure to do so may result in removal from the league.
3. **DWSHL Digest**-Articles for the digest are vital to the survival of the league. Lead articles will pay \$600,000 with standard articles earning \$300,000.
4. **League Chats**- Will happen on a semi-regular basis. Will take place in the league chat. League, trade, and life discussions will take place here. Participation is encouraged.
5. **Special Promotions**- Will occur at random or on a traditional basis. An excellent way to earn cash, notoriety, and have fun.

3. LEAGUE CONTACTS

The DWSHL will use ICQ and AIM as well as the league chat to conduct trade talk and league related activities. The primary e-mail of the league is ryley@dwshl.com

4. ENTRY DRAFT

1. The entry draft will take place prior to each DWSHL season.
2. The draft will consist of 4 rounds and order will be determined by a lottery for non playoff teams.
3. A draft lottery will determine the top 5 picks of each draft and will consist of 5 teams. The lowest finishing team in each division, along with the lowest remaining team leaguwide. These teams will be weighted, with the worst record having the greatest percentage and the wild card team having the lowest.
4. The drafts will consist of DWSJL and specifically selected players.
5. Players still unsigned after their second year will be put back into the draft.

5. COACHES

1. Each team must have a coach at all times. Each team must maintain a contract with their coach.
2. Free agent coaches may be signed by any team at any time. A list of free agent coaches will be maintained and kept up at all times.
3. Any coach that reaches the end of his deal will be available to be hired by any team.
4. Coaches may be re-signed in advance based on the following criteria: 30% increase for playoff coaches, 20% for non-playoff coaches
5. Coaches also reserve the right to retire prior to fulfilling contractual obligation. The league will attempt to give notice in this case but is not obligated to.
6. Teams may fire their coach at any time, based on another being hired as a replacement and the team paying 25% of the coaches salary for the remaining contract.
7. Teams that attempt to lure coaches currently under contract away from rival teams must offer league approved compensation in the event of a signing.
8. ReRate guidelines for coaches are found at www.dwshl.com/coaching_rerates9.html

Coaching Rerates

OF & DF Rating	BASED ON	CHANGE	LD Rating	CHANGE	EX Rating	CHANGE
Top 5 Teams	GFPG & GAPG	+3	Drunks Cup Winner	+5	Drunks Cup Teams	+3
6-11	GFPG & GAPG	+2	Drunks Cup Loser	+4	Playoff Teams	+2
12-16	GFPG & GAPG	+1	Playoff Series Winner	+3	Non Playoff Teams	+1
17-21	GFPG & GAPG	0	Playoff Teams	+2		
22-27	GFPG & GAPG	-1	Non Playoff Teams	+1		
28-32	GFPG & GAPG	-2				

6. TRADES

1. Trades are to be posted on the message board in the trade confirmation section. The post should be in the following format:

Example: Subject: Galaxy/Battalion trade

Team 1 writes: To Galaxy: Brad Richards, 2007 NSH 1st

To Battalion: Vincent Lecavalier, \$500,000

The Galaxy confirm this deal

Team 2 would reply to this post confirming the deal.

2. The trade deadline will be at 80% of the regular season.
3. Any trade deemed unfair will be voted on by the commissioners and may be overturned.
4. GMs may not use the trade board to call trades into question. Those that do will be subject to fines. If there is something that absolutely must be said please contact the commissioner in private.

7. WAIVERS

1. Players over 24 who have played 15 or more games in the current season, must clear waivers before they will reach the farm team if sent down.
 2. If a player is waived he may be claimed by any team.
3. If more than one team makes a claim, the team with the least amount of points gets the player.
4. A team may make only one claim at a time and will be placed last in the order upon a successful claim
5. The league also leaves the right to question whether or not a player was meant to be waived.

8. ROSTER LIMITS

1. Will be imposed strictly and if not maintained fines will be levied.
2. Penalties:

	Organization	Pro	Farm	Prospects
MAX	50 Players	25	30	None, 5 players with experience
MIN	32	20	12 (2 Complete Lines)	None
Fines	1. Warning (Board)	1. Warning (Board)	1. Warning (Board)	1. Warning (Board)
	2. Warning (Mail)	2. Warning (Mail)	2. Warning (Mail)	2. Warning (Mail)
	3. \$500,000 Fine (per player)	3. \$500,000 Fine (per player)	3. \$750,000 Fine	3. \$300,000 Fine (per player)
Salary Cap	\$47,000,000	1. Warning (Board/Mail) 2. \$1,000,000 fine per game over cap	4. League Signs Players @ 2/400k	

9. POSITION CHANGES

1. Any forward may switch position once per season. If a player changes position and is traded it will not make him eligible for another change. 1 is 1.

10. RELEASING PLAYERS

1. At any time a GM may release a player. GMs must first publically announce the players release and must also pay 90% of the players guaranteed contract*. (If player makes \$2,000,000 or more)
2. The league will hold offseason cut periods as seen fit.

11. FREE AGENCY

1. At the conclusion of each season any players age 25* or below with zero years left on their contract will become restricted free agents (RFA). Players 26* or older will be regarded as unrestricted free agents (UFA). (*=in season age)
2. RFAs remain property of their current team until one of the following occurs:
The current team decides to match the new team's offer dollar for dollar, bonus for bonus, - or- the current team decides not to match the new team's offer and instead receives compensation.

NEW SALARY (per seas)	COMPENSATION
\$150,000-\$500,000	3rd Rd Pick
\$500,001-\$1,000,000	2nd Rd Pick
\$1,000,001-\$2,500,000	2 2nd Rd Picks
\$2,500,001-\$4,000,000	1st Rd Pick
\$4,000,001-\$8,000,000	2 1st Rd Picks
\$8,000,001-\$11,000,000	3 1st Rd Picks
\$11,000,001 & Above	4 1st Rd Picks

3. If a team does not have the proper compensation the teams can agree on a fair alternative.
4. Following the season teams lose their rights on any unsigned UFAs.
5. Re-signing players set to become free agents may take place based on the following: Teams have played at least 20 games in the current season and GMs acknowledge that there is no such thing as a guaranteed signing.
6. During the season teams may make 1 offer per player on RFAs and UFAs. Offers are to be based on the following: <http://www.dwshl.com/NewPresigning.htm>
7. All free agent, prospect, or coach offers should be sent to dwshlagent@yahoo.com

12. PROSPECTS

1. Players listed as prospects are either unsigned draft picks or RFAs and their rights belong to the respective team.
2. They may be signed at any time by mailing dwshlagent@yahoo.com

13. SALARY CAP

1. The league salary cap is \$47,000,000. This is based on pro payroll and is subject to change.
2. Those that fail to obey will be: 1) Warned 2) Fined \$1,000,000 per game above the cap 3) Fired/Placed on probation and DWSHL runs team for up to a month 4) Relieved of duties

14. RETIRING PLAYERS

1. At the conclusion of each DWSHL season players will retire from competition.
 2. Starting in 2006 the league will use software to determine retirees.
 3. No player at age 37 or below and at least 80 ov may retire.
 4. Only one player at age 34 may retire per season.
 5. No more than three 35 year old players will retire per season.
6. The league reserves the right to override any quota and may also retire players as seen fit.

15. AGING PLAYERS

1. Players will age at the end of every season.
2. The DWSHL reserves the right to alter its stance on player aging at any time.

16. ARENAS

1. Arenas will begin at 18,000 seats but newly built arenas may have less seats.
2. Any arena may be upgraded to as high as 26,000 seats before extended construction must be done or a new arena must be built.

CURRENT ARENA	INITIAL CONSTRUCTION CHARGE	PER SEAT COST	MAX SEATS ADDED @ RATE	MAX SEATS
18,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,500	8,000	26,000
26,000	\$16,000,000	\$2,000	22,000	32,669
From Scratch	\$30,000,000	\$1,000	None	None
Relocating	\$8,000,000	\$1,000	None	None
Teams relocating	are granted a small	break in costs from	community interest	in new city.

3. Teams may change ticket prices up to three times during the season but may never charge more than \$75.

17. TEAM RELOCATIONS

1. Teams wishing to alter their personas at the end of the season will be allowed to apply for a change based on certain conditions and costs.
 - 1) Any team changing location must remain in the city for at least 2 complete seasons
 - 2) No team may relocate to a city with less than 100,000 population
 - 3) No team may change nicknames in consecutive seasons

RELOCTATION COSTS

APPLICATION FEE	\$850,000
LOGO CHANGE BASE CHARGE	\$1,000,000
EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM/MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE	\$1,500,000
RELOCATION COSTS-CONTINENTAL US TO CONTINENTAL US	\$4,000,000
RELOCATION COSTS-CANADA TO CANADA	\$4,000,000
RELOCATION COSTS-CONTINENTAL US TO CANADA	\$6,000,000
RELOCATION COSTS-CANADA TO CONTINENTAL US	\$6,000,000
RELOCATION COSTS-INTERNATIONAL TO NORTH AMERICA	\$10,000,000
RELOCATION COSTS-NORTH AMERICA TO INTERNATIONAL	\$5,000,000
COST OF NEW ARENA	See Sec. 16
PRE-EXISTING ARENA LEASING (MUST BE PREVIOUS DWSHL ARENA IN LOCATION)	\$4,000,000
CONFERENCE CHANGE REQUIRED	\$8,000,000
DIVISION CHANGE REQUIRED	\$4,000,000

18. LEAGUE TRADITIONS

- 1. Penguin Invite-** Will be held yearly or bi-yearly and will generate revenue for the DWSHL team that hosts along with payouts to the top finishers.
- 2. World Tourneys-** Will take place after every other DWSHL regular season. In off years qualifying tournaments will be held. GMs can earn money through competition or by hosting games.

19. PAYOUTS

- The league will award the following monetary amounts to the teams that accomplish the feats or tasks listed.

DWSHL DIGEST ARTICLE	\$600,000/\$300,000
STANDARD ASSISTANCE TO COMMISH BASE PAYOUT	\$300,000
COMMISH URGED LEAGUE PROJECT	Varies
WEB SITE & MAINTAINED	\$1,000,000
DRUNKS CUP WINNER	\$15,000,000
DRUNKS CUP LOSER	\$8,500,000
DIVISION WINNER	\$3,000,000
PLAYER OF THE YEAR	\$3,000,000
ALL OTHER PLAYER AWARDS	\$2,000,000
DWSDL CHAMPIONS	\$8,000,000

20. RE-RATES

1. The league will re-rate every player following each season as long as they have played in at least 50 pro or farm games (1,000 MIN for goalies).
 - A. **NHL Re-Rate-** Each team may select up to 3 players to be re-rated based on NHL performance. NHL Re-Rates will be available every other season.
 - B. **DWSHL Re-Rate-** Will be given to all players not receiving NHL re-rates.
 - C. **Youth Re-Rate-** Will be given to every player age 22 or younger that has played the minimum amount of games. 1 point will be added to every ratings category after each season. Players 73 OV and higher are ineligible.
 - D. **Veteran Re-Rate-** Will be given to every player age 34 or older. 2 points will be added to DF and 3 to both LD and EX. 1 point will be taken away from all other ratings categories.
2. The rerate charts are available for viewing here: <http://www.dwshl.com/9rerateC.html>

21. CBA

1. To preserve the league and its competitive balance the DWSHLPA and Owner's Union will work together in forging a Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. At the expiration of the CBA if no new deal has been signed a lockout will take place.
3. The current CBA can be viewed here: http://www.dwshl.com/dwshl_cba1.html