

Definition of Hat Pick for drafting and team selection purposes per Hart Rules

Non-Tryout Players (Hat Picks) - Players who did not tryout cannot be drafted, and will be assigned to teams by random drawing after all other players have been drafted. An exception to this rule may be made if a player's abilities are well known to a two-thirds majority of the drafting managers and if the player being assigned by drawing may adversely affect the competitive balance of the league. Any exceptions must be approved by the Rules Committee.

Hat-Picks - All random drawings shall contain a sufficient number of players such that there is a complete round of hat picks. For example, if there are 24 teams in the draft and only 10 players did not tryout, then the last 14 players eligible for drafting will also become hat picks.

Trades - Trades will only be allowed for a ten (10) minute period immediately following the draft. A Rules Committee member must approve all trades. Only drafted players may be traded (Hat-Picks may not be traded - Rule 21 players above).

Hart encourages all prospective players to tryout. This allows the player skill level to be assessed by the managers and League Directors present. The tryout process helps ensure that players of roughly equal skill level are drafted to all teams.