



How to Run a Seamless In-Person or Hybrid Draft Day with Prime Draft Pro

The in-person setup that makes draft day an event again, plus how to pull in the two or three who can't be in the room so they're really part of it.

THE IDEA

An in-person draft is about the draft. But it's about so much more than the draft. It's the one day a year the whole crew is actually in the same room. A board up on the big screen, every pick called out loud, food and drinks going, and the entire room turning on the guy who just made the worst pick of the night. Eleven people groan at once and you feel it in the floor. That's the part you can't get online, and it's the best day of the season.

Of course, you can't always get everyone in the same room. For the two or three who can't make it, don't settle for a silent login. Bring them in on a video call so you can see their faces and hear their voice. They're in the room, just on a screen. Here's exactly how to set it up.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ✓ A **big screen or TV with sound** so everyone can see and hear the action
- ✓ A **way to get the board on the big screen:** HDMI cable, streaming, or your TV's browser (whichever's easiest)
- ✓ A **video-call app** for anyone dialing in (Zoom, Google Meet, Teams, or Discord for no time limits)
- ✓ A **laptop or computer** to run the draft (an iPad works if needed, but not preferred)
- ✓ Your **Prime Draft Pro** board ready: league imported or custom draft built, credit ready to activate
- ✓ Snacks, drinks, a little trash talk. Now the fun begins.

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Get the board on the big screen

Start here: the simplest way

The way we actually run it. No Present link needed, just HDMI, Extend, and Share Screen.

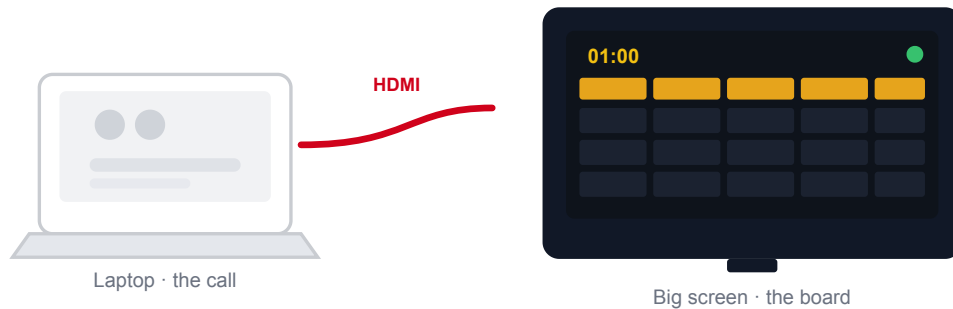
1. Connect your laptop to the TV with an HDMI cable, or a streaming device like an Apple TV.
2. Set your two screens to Extend, not Mirror or Duplicate. That makes your laptop and TV act like one long desktop, so you can drag windows from the laptop over onto the TV. On a Mac it's System Settings, then Displays. On Windows, press the Windows key + P and choose Extend.
3. Open your Prime Draft Pro board in a browser window and drag that window over onto the TV. Now the big board lives on the TV for the room, and your laptop screen is free.
4. On your laptop, open your video call (Zoom, Google Meet, whatever you like) and let your remote guys join, so you see and hear them right there on the laptop.
5. In the call, hit Share Screen and pick the browser window with the draft board. Now your remote guys watch the same live board, and you still see their faces and hear them on the laptop.
6. Draft. You run the board on the TV. The room calls out their picks and you tap them in. When it's a remote guy's turn, he says his pick on the call and you tap it in too. Everyone, in the room and at home, sees every pick live.

Over HDMI the board's audio comes out of the TV. Point your laptop mic at the room so remote guys hear the board and the trash talk. Want the remote voices on your laptop instead of the TV? Set the Speaker inside Zoom's audio settings to your laptop. Do a quick 5-minute practice run first to dial in the sound.

You've got three ways to do this. Pick whichever is easiest for your setup.

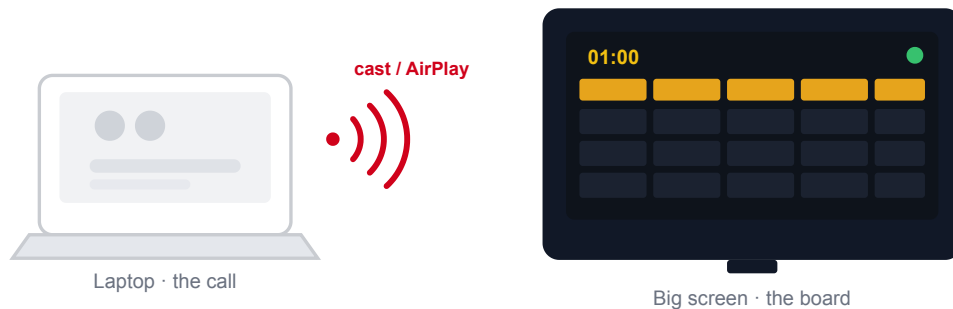
Option 1: HDMI cable (most reliable). Plug your laptop into the TV, set your display to **Extend** (not Mirror), and drag the Prime Draft Pro window onto the big screen. The board lives on the TV and your laptop stays free for the video call. Just make sure your cable is long enough to reach.

Extend, not Mirror. On a Mac: System Settings → Displays. On Windows: press **Windows + P** and choose "Extend." That keeps the board on the TV and your call on the laptop at the same time.



Option 1: laptop to TV with an HDMI cable.

Option 2: Streaming (no cable). On the same wifi, cast the board to your TV. Google Chrome can cast a tab to a Chromecast, and Apple devices can AirPlay to an Apple TV. Cast just the board tab so your laptop stays free for the call.



Option 2: cast the board to the TV over wifi, no cable needed.

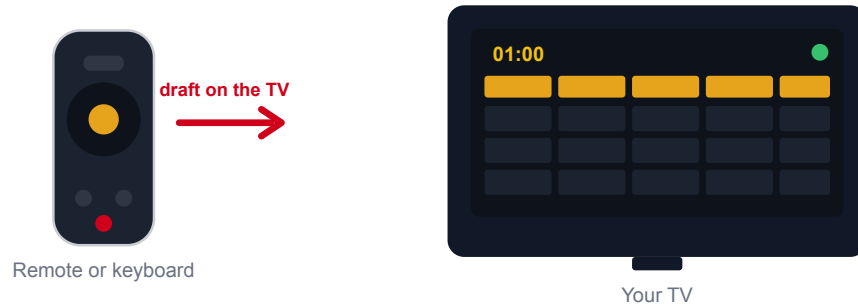
No smart TV? A streaming device fixes that. Plug an **Apple TV**, **Amazon Fire Stick**, or **Roku** into any TV's HDMI port and you've got a wireless way to get the board on the big screen, no cable running across the room.



No smart TV? An Apple TV, Fire Stick, or Roku plugs into any TV and does the same job.

Option 3: Run the draft right on your TV. If your TV runs Google TV, Android TV, or Fire TV, install the free **Browser** app from the Play Store (Samsung and LG have a built-in browser; Roku has none). Open Prime Draft Pro, log into your account, and

draft using the TV remote or a keyboard connected to the TV. Everything happens on the big screen, no laptop needed. Zoom out until all 12 teams fit; some browsers can't scale and the board gets cut off, but Browser handles it perfectly. Works best with a keyboard, since pecking out player names with a remote is slow.



Option 3: log in and draft right on the TV with a remote or keyboard.

Option 4: Draft from your laptop, show the board on your TV. On your laptop or iPad, open your draft and hit the green **Present** button. You'll get a short code and a link like **primedraftpro.com/SC9C58**. On the TV, open a browser and type that address (the code goes on the end), and the live board fills the screen while you keep drafting from your laptop. That same Present link and QR are how anyone at home watches too, more on that in Step 2.



Option 4: hit Present, then open primedraftpro.com with your code in the TV's browser.

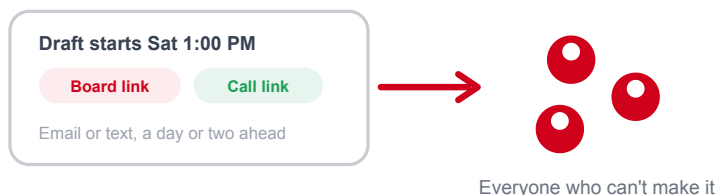
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Bring in anyone who can't make it

The two or three who can't be there don't get a silent login. They get the live board on their own screen and a seat on the call, so they're really at the table, not just a name on a list.

Why voice beats a silent login: a remote player who's just clicking in with nobody to talk to loses track fast, and ends up reaching for a guy who went six picks ago. On a call he hears the room, stays in the flow, and actually feels like he's there.

Before you draft. A few days out, or even a couple hours ahead, hit **Present** on your draft to grab your board link and QR, and set up your video-call link. Email or text both to everyone who can't attend, along with the start time, and a heads up that the call may cut off after 40 to 60 minutes so they just rejoin the same link. They show up ready instead of scrambling.

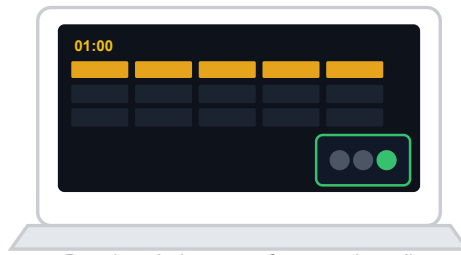


Send the board link, the call link, and the start time ahead of time.

On draft day, two things run side by side.

The call, for faces and voices. Start your video call (Zoom, Google Meet, Teams, or Discord) and turn your camera on so they can see the room. This part is for seeing each other and hearing the trash talk, not for the board. Run it on your laptop, or in another tab, since you've already got the draft open.

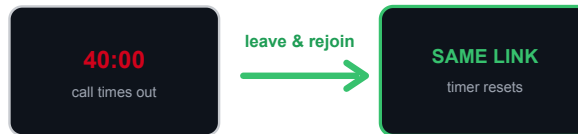
The board. Two ways to get it to them. Best: send the **Present** link, or have them scan the QR, and the live board shows up crisp on their own screen, in sync with the room. On first load they tap "Enable Audio" once and they'll hear every pick called. Simpler: just **share your screen** through the call, since Zoom, Meet, and Teams all do screen share, so they see the board right in the call window with no separate link. The link is sharper; the screen-share is one less thing to send.



Board on their screen, faces on the call

Each remote player gets the board on their own screen and everyone's faces on the call.

When the call cuts off. Free calls stop at 40 minutes (Zoom) or 60 (Meet and Teams). The trick: use a scheduled or reusable link, not an instant meeting. When the timer's up, everyone leaves and rejoins the same link, about 30 seconds, and it resets for another round. Repeat as many times as you need. The board link never cuts off, so their board stays put, only the call needs the quick rejoin.



No new link to send, everyone's back in about 30 seconds

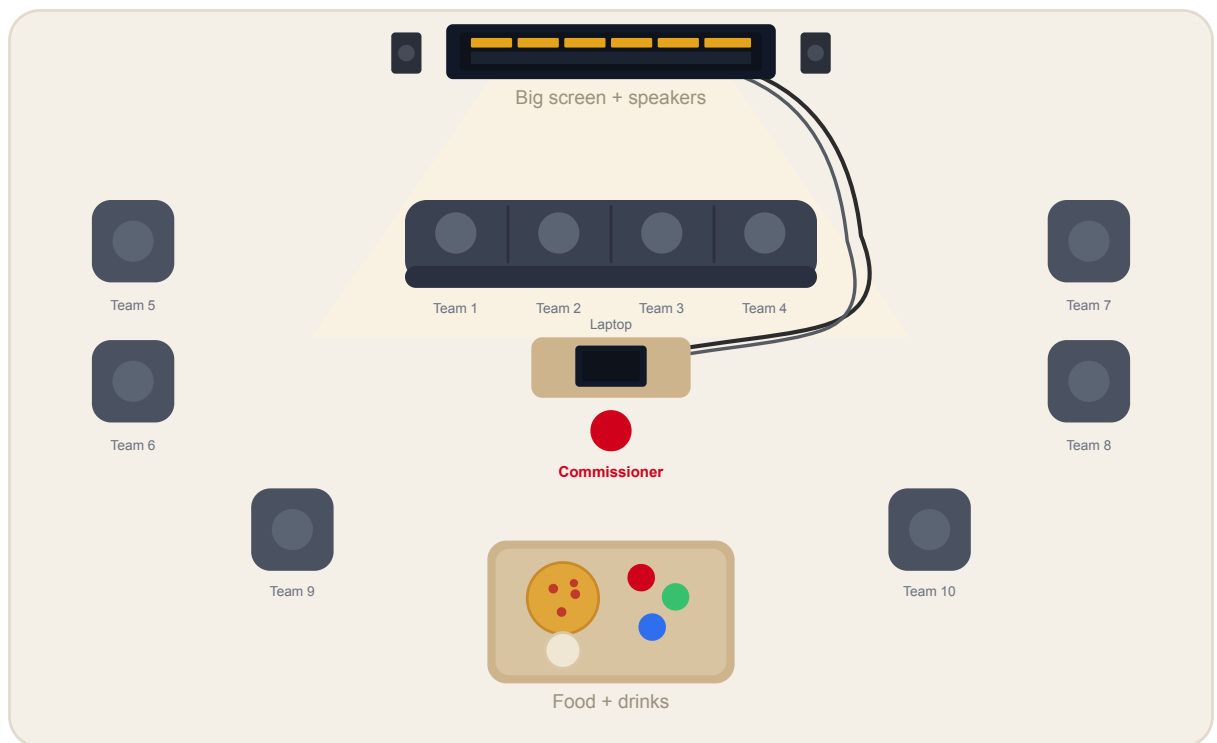
Call timed out? Everyone hops back on the same link and it resets.

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Draft

Start the board and let it rip. Prime Draft Pro runs the clock, calls every pick out loud, and reacts as the board fills in, so the room feels it and everyone on the call hears it. You run the draft, and everyone else just watches the big screen and yells.

That's it. The party's in the room, the board's on the wall, and nobody got left out.



Everyone in one room, the board on the wall, the commissioner running it right behind the couch, and the food and drinks at the back.

PRO TIPS

Crank the volume. Turn the TV up. The voice calling every pick and the room reacting is half the magic, so make sure everyone, including the remote players, can hear it.

Mind the mic. Put the laptop where its mic can catch the room. Half the fun for the remote players is hearing everyone groan and laugh in real time.

Hit Pause for breaks. Grabbing food or settling a dispute? Hit **Pause** and the clock stops, so nobody's timer runs down during a timeout.

Do a 5-minute test run. Before draft day, get your screen set up and start a quick practice draft (they're free and unlimited) so it's all muscle memory when everyone shows up.

Ready to run yours? primedraftpro.com

Practice drafts are free and unlimited. You only spend a credit when you kick off the real thing.