



Ottawa Girls Hockey Association Coaching Competitive Jersey Policy

Statement of Purpose

1. This policy is only applicable to competitive players within the OGHA and is used to establish clear, transparent and consistent criteria for the efficient allocation and use of jersey numbers for all competitive players registered with OGHA, while meeting OWHA and league game-sheet requirements.
2. While competitive players are required to purchase their jerseys, House League players will continue to be provided with their jerseys by the association.

General

3. Each player shall choose a jersey number which they may keep for the duration of their playing time within the OGHA, or until they choose to change numbers, or until a number conflict arises. Number conflicts will be resolved in accordance with paragraph 11 of this policy.
4. Duplicate jersey numbers on the same team are not permitted during games or sanctioned events.
5. All jersey numbers will be single or double digits. Triple digits will not be approved.
6. All jersey number decisions are subject to Association approval. Coaches or Team Officials are responsible for ensuring jersey numbers worn by players to match the official game sheet.

Jersey Number Assignment

7. Jersey numbers are to be selected by players after teams have been formed, prior to the start of the season.
8. All returning players will be given priority on their assigned jersey number. Therefore, jersey numbers are considered “reserved” for returning players until the roster is finalized and any conflict dealt with.
9. New players may request a preferred number upon team formation, and requests will be accommodated where possible but are **not guaranteed**.
10. If a player’s preferred number is not available, they will be provided with a list of numbers available on their team.

Conflict Resolution

11. If two or more players request the same number:
 - a) Priority is given to players who wore the number the previous season within the OGHA.
 - b) If both players wore the number during the previous season in the OGHA then priority goes to the player with the longest uninterrupted tenure as a player in the association (measured in years).



- c) If players both have the same number of tenured years in the association and both players wore the number in the previous season with OGHA then the priority will be determined by a coin flip. The oldest player will get to choose heads or tails prior to the coin flip.
12. The Association's decision is final.

Restricted Jersey Numbers

13. The Association may restrict certain jersey numbers for administrative, technical, or appropriateness reasons.
14. Restricted numbers may include (but are not limited to):
 - a) Numbers that create confusion on game sheets (e.g., leading zeros or triple -digit numbers)
 - b) Numbers with inappropriate or unintended meanings
15. The current list of restricted numbers by the Association are provided below:
 - a) 00
 - b) 0
 - c) 69
 - d) 62 (Affiliate Player in case of conflict)
 - e) 84 (Affiliate Player in case of conflict)
 - f) 90 (Affiliate Player in case of conflict)
 - g) 99

Jersey Number Change

16. Jersey number changes during the season will not be permitted unless its due to unforeseen circumstances (eg: long term injured player being replaced, etc).
17. Any approved change must be updated on the official roster and game-sheet system before the player participates in a game.

Exceptions

18. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the Association Executive.