

CARE AND HANDLING OF TEAM JERSEYS

Preamble

This policy establishes the guidelines for coaches and teams with regards to care and handling of team jerseys by members of the Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association. The primary purpose of these guidelines is to ensure uniformity of teams at all levels and eliminate preventable damage to the jerseys.

Background

GCRA loans two sets of jerseys, a home set and an away set to each team at the start of the season and collects the jerseys at the end of the season. The jerseys were to be kept and cared for by one parent on a team. No player was to be given their individual jersey. Over time it became apparent that parents would prefer to have jerseys under the control of the individual player. As the jerseys are one of the association's major expenses, the following policy is in effect to ensure a reasonable life expectancy for the jerseys.

Policy

GCRA loans two sets of jerseys, a home set and an away set to each team at the start of the season and will be collected at the end of the season. The **player** is responsible for any loss or damage to the jersey (excluding normal wear).

All teams submit a \$150.00 equipment bond to the GCRA. \$100.00 will be returned to the team at the end of the season when jerseys and equipment are returned in proper condition. \$50.00 is retained for deposit into our equipment fund. A team which fails to follow any of the team jersey policies will forfeit their team bond. In instances where a team bond has already been forfeited and the policies are continuing to be ignored, the individual player will be required to pay the replacement costs for the jerseys.

The jerseys are to be worn for games only. Each player should have her own practice jersey for practices.

In order to protect the jersey, players must transport their game jerseys to the arena in a garment bag or within a cloth bag (i.e., pillowcase or reusable grocery bag). These bags can be placed in an equipment bag. Jerseys may also be placed within a separate pocket of an equipment bag as long as there is **NO** other equipment contained in the pocket. **Plastic bags are not acceptable.**

NOTE: for younger players/teams, it is recommended that a parent volunteer be responsible for carrying all the team jerseys during the season

Name bars are to be the player's last name in yellow lettering on a dark green bar and should be sewn across the top of the back of the jersey. Sponsor bars are to be sewn across the back bottom of a jersey. Nothing other than these items are to be attached to the jerseys without written permission from the GCRA Equipment Manager.

*Name bars may be ordered from Houle Sports (\$6.00+tax for name bar + \$2.50+tax sew-on fee if required. **price is subject to change*).

When putting on any name bars, sponsor bars and/or letters (C for captain and A for assistant) consider how they will be removed at the end of the season. (**Iron-on letters are NOT permitted.**) Name and sponsor bars **must be loosely stitched** to the jerseys. A loose zig-zag machine stitch or hand stitching is recommended.

The jerseys should be aired out after each game and never put in the dryer.

At the end of the season, all name and sponsor bars are to be removed in a careful manner as not to damage the jersey. Jerseys are to be washed on a delicate washing machine cycle and hung to dry.