



Russell & District Girls Hockey Association



Jersey and Equipment Policy

RDGHA players will be provided with a team jersey for home and away games.

- The jerseys are to be kept in a jersey garment bag. Jerseys **MUST NOT** be kept in a player's hockey bag at any time. This is to prevent wear and to prevent skates from cutting the jersey.
- The jerseys should be hung to dry to prevent mould after each game.
- To assist with the longevity of the jerseys, team jerseys are to be worn only during RDGHA sanctioned games only and **NOT** at practices.
- The Team Manager is responsible for the jerseys during the season and **MUST** ensure that jerseys are handed out and collected at each game. Alternately, the team can decide on a Jersey Manager to handle these duties.
- Name bars are to be hand sewn only onto jerseys.
- The jerseys are to be washed in **COLD** water and hung to dry. Do not overload in the washer as this can cause rips and tears.
- Sports drinks should be avoided while wearing the jersey due to the potential for staining. It is understood that some medical conditions may require the player to consume rehydrating fluids other than water to maintain their health during play.

Any team that does not return jersey(s) by April 15 will be billed \$100 per jersey.

Maintenance:

All RDGHA jerseys must be returned clean and in good condition. This means they have been washed, with no signs of mould, and no holes or other damage.

Replacement of a jersey in poor condition shall be the responsibility of the team.

Under the direction of the Team Manager, the coaching staff shall monitor the condition of the jerseys during the season, and if damage to a jersey is discovered, report it to the Equipment Manager within a reasonable time frame.

The decision regarding the condition of the jersey shall ultimately be the responsibility of the RDGHA Equipment Manager, the Executive or their designate.

Natural wear and tear to jerseys as a result of the game of hockey will not be billed. Puck marks, pilling and small hitches from equipment Velcro, rub marks, etc.

- If a jersey is removed from a player due to medical reasons, the team will not be billed. Damages of this nature should be communicated to the Equipment Manager as soon as possible after the injury occurs.
- If a jersey is damaged as a result of faulty rink facilities, the team will not be billed. Damages of this nature should be communicated to the Equipment Manager as soon as possible after the occurrence.

The RDGHA will deem jerseys as unusable due to the following damage which will be billed in full regardless of the age of the jerseys:

- Glue adhesive (Note: glue or adhesive is **NOT** to be used to apply name bars/captain/assistant letters)



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- Mould
- Holes (1 cm or larger, including, but not limited to, being left from the removal of name bars/captain/assistant letters)

Should a player, parent, manager or coaching staff discover damage to a jersey, they have the option of repairing the damage prior to returning it to the Equipment Manager. The jersey will be accepted provided that the hole(s) are repaired professionally using appropriate stitching and appropriate coloured thread.

- Any damaged jerseys that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.
- No glue or adhesive will be accepted to repair damage(s).
- All jersey(s) must be repaired and returned for inspection to the RDGHA Equipment Manager no later than April 15th of the hockey season unless approved by the Equipment Manager.

Lost Jerseys:

If at any time during the season a new jersey is required to be added to a set because it has been lost or is missing, the team will be billed.

Any lost or missing jersey(s) not returned by April 15th of the hockey season will be billed.

Equipment:

At the start of the season, the Coach will receive and sign for all equipment provided by the RDGHA.

RDGHA equipment is to be used for League and Association sanctioned events only.

All equipment is to be returned at the end of the season and no later than April 15 and signed for by the RDGHA Equipment Manager.