



Jersey Policy

Section 1: Applicability

This policy is applicable to all members of the Ringette Association of Burlington (RAB) who participate in an on ice activity. This includes regular season games, exhibition games, tournament games, practices or any other on ice activity.

Section 2: Players in A or AA divisions

Players playing on a team in an A or AA division are required to have both orange and white jerseys personalized with their name and number. Should players have jerseys from prior seasons, they can continue to use those jerseys if they still fit. For players that do not have personalized jerseys, they are required to purchase jerseys at the start of the season.

The process of ordering the jerseys for A and AA division players is the responsibility of the RAB Equipment Manager but may be delegated to another committee member or volunteer. See *Section 4: Additional items applicable to players in all divisions* for details on the jersey personalization process.

Section 3: Players in B, Open (regional) divisions

RAB will provide 2 jerseys to each player at the start of each season. One orange jersey and one white jersey. The jerseys are on loan for the season to the player and will be collected at the end of each season. Jerseys will be distributed by the RAB equipment manager to each team's head coach for distribution to players.

Specific jersey numbers/sizes cannot be requested for specific players. An assortment of sizes is given to each team to ensure fit for all players. The head coach will determine how jerseys are distributed to players and how to resolve number conflicts.

Care and maintenance

Players are responsible for the care and maintenance of the jerseys while in their possession.

1. The jerseys are to be worn for games only. Exceptions are made for medal ceremonies, fundraising or other public events where RAB is using game jerseys to raise awareness of the sport or the association.
2. In order to protect the jersey, it's recommended that players bring their game jerseys to the arena in a separate bag. If the jersey is placed in the player's equipment bag, ensure it is placed in an area free from other objects which could damage the jersey. e.g. cut by skate blade or stuck to Velcro. It is best placed in the bag neatly folded and as the last item in.
3. Should the jersey become stained, pre-scrub stains first before washing
4. Jerseys should be machine-washed in cold water and hung to dry. They should be washed throughout the season to remove stains and/or smells.

Damage

The player is responsible for any loss or damage to the jersey outside of normal wear. Pilling and small hitches from equipment Velcro, and small thread pulls are considered normal wear and tear.

If at the end of the season the team manager or RAB equipment manager determines the jersey needs to be replaced due to negligence, the player (or in the case of a minor, their guardian) shall be responsible for paying a replacement fee. The fee will be based on the total replacement cost of the jersey at the time.

If a player, manager or coach discovers damage to a jersey, the player has the option to repair the damage before returning it to the RAB Equipment Manager. The RAB Equipment Manager should be consulted before making any repairs to jerseys.

A player will not be charged for damage to a jersey in the following situations:

1. A jersey has to be removed from a player for medical reasons
2. A jersey is damaged from faulty rink facilities. The head coach or team manager should advise the RAB Equipment Manager as soon as the damage to the jersey is found.

Name bars

RAB will provide the option for players to purchase name bars during the season registration process, for an additional fee. Name bars for both white and orange jerseys will be available. Players who purchase name bars will have their name bar stitched to their jersey for the duration of the season. Name bars are not required to participate in games.

The construction and sewing of the of name bars to jerseys will be coordinated by RAB to ensure consistency in design and construction. Players are not allowed to make their own name bar. Name bars will be sewn above the number on the back of the jersey. The materials used to construct and stitch the name bars to the jersey will allow name bars to be used for multiple seasons.

Name bars will feature the player's last name only. Should a player need to display a name different then the last name used during registration, a request can be made in writing to the RAB equipment manager. The request should include a description of why an exception is needed.

Returning the Jerseys

At the end of the season, jerseys are to be washed before they are returned to the team manager or head coach. The person that collects the jerseys shall inspect them for damage prior to returning them to the RAB equipment manager.

Name bars on jerseys will remain on the jersey until the start of next season. For returning players, they will be given the same jersey with their name bar already attached. If the player requires a larger jersey or to change their jersey number, their name bar will be removed and sewn onto a larger or different jersey.

Name bars are owned by the player. Should a player choose not to return to RAB, the name bar will be removed and given to the player.

Section 4: Additional items applicable to players in all divisions

Purchasing game jerseys for personalization

RAB will provide the option for players to purchase their own jersey during the season registration process, for an additional fee. This is provided as an option for those players who:

- Wish to own their jersey and keep it for future seasons, or are required to purchase a jersey in the case of A and AA divisions.
- Choose a jersey number above 20
- Have their name printed on the jersey instead of a namebar

If purchasing a jersey, both white and orange jerseys must be purchased.

Jersey number selection

RAB will track jersey numbers purchased by players in each age group and division. Once a number is selected, the number is reserved for that player and not available for use by any other player in any division born in the same year, the year before and the year after. Reserving the number across 3 birth years and all divisions limits the possibility of conflicts with other players who may play on the same team.

When choosing a number, players will provide 3 ranked choices. If their first choice is not available, their second choice will be used. If their second choice is not available, their third choice will be used. If none of the choices are available, RAB will follow up with the player for additional choices.

Players are encouraged to choose a number above 20, due to the fact that jerseys used in B division use numbers from 2 to 20. Should a player select a number below 21, the possibility of a conflict with a player from another division or birth year is high. As a result RAB will not reserve the number for exclusive use of that player. The player choosing a number below 21 acknowledges that there may be a number conflict in future years and may not be able to use their personal jersey beyond the current season.

Number conflict management for numbers above 20 will be the responsibility of the RAB equipment manager, but may be delegated to another committee member or volunteer.

Practice Jersey

Each player should have their own practice jersey used for practices. Players must have at a minimum two different practice jerseys to facilitate drills: A light colored jersey and dark coloured jersey. RAB branded white and orange practice jerseys are required for A and AA teams, and optional but highlight recommended for B and Open teams.

Additional practice jersey colours may be required at the coaches discretion.

RAB owned game jerseys can not be worn for practice except under extenuating circumstances.

Alterations to RAB jerseys in any way other then described above is strictly prohibited without written permission from the RAB committee

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