



Guelph Ringette Association
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GUELPH RINGETTE ASSOCIATION POLICY

Jersey Purchasing and Maintenance

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Provincial Teams Jersey Policy

1. Player Responsibility & Care

- All competitive (A/AA) team players are responsible for purchasing their own jersey sets.
- Purchases are coordinated through the Guelph Ringette Association (GRA) Equipment Director via the association's approved supplier.
- Players must maintain their jerseys in excellent condition (e.g., using a garment bag). Damaged proprietary jerseys must be replaced at the player's expense.
- Team managers will carry a temporary loaner jersey set in case a player forgets theirs.
- Jersey pricing is subject to change each season based on supplier costs.

2. Out-of-Town Rental Exceptions

- Out-of-town rep players may rent a jersey set for the season upon explicit GRA Board approval.
- **Rental Terms:** A \$50 non-refundable rental fee plus a \$50 refundable deposit is required at sign-out.
- **Refunds:** The \$50 deposit is returned at season's end if jerseys are returned in acceptable condition (normal wear and tear).
- **Damage Liability:** Tears, cuts, burns, rips, or glue/adhesive residue are not considered normal wear. The player will be billed for the full replacement cost.
- Players can opt to roll over their \$50 deposit to the following season's registration fees.

3. Captain ('C') and Assistant ('A') Designation Letters

- Approved designation letters may be carefully **sewn** onto the jersey. Standard-sized letters are available through the GRA approved supplier.
- **Strictly Prohibited:** Fabric glue, iron-on patches, or alternative adhesives. Any residue or permanent damage will result in replacement charges.
- All letters must be cleanly removed from borrowed or rented jerseys before they are returned to the Equipment Director at the conclusion of the season.

4. Permitted Jersey Usage



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- Game jerseys are restricted exclusively to league games, tournaments, official team pictures, and GRA-approved promotional events (such as Guelph Storm feature games).
 - Wearing game jerseys at any other team or public function requires prior board approval.
- 5. Practice Restrictions**
- Game jerseys **must not** be worn during regular practices or power-skating sessions. This applies to all players, whether the jersey is personally owned or borrowed.
- 6. Laundering Instructions**
- Jerseys must be washed strictly according to the manufacturer's care label instructions to protect fabric integrity and colors.
- 7. Loss and Damage Replacement Costs**
- Lost or irreparably damaged jerseys are the financial responsibility of the assigned player.
 - Replacement costs are charged at direct cost to the association with zero retail markup:
 - **Standard Cut Jersey:** ~\$90
 - **Goalie Cut Jersey:** ~\$110
- 8. Jersey Number Conflicts**
- In the event that two players on a team share the same jersey number request, the conflict will be resolved using the following order of precedence:
 - **A.** The veteran (second-year) player retains precedence over a rookie (first-year) player.
 - **B.** If both players share the same eligibility year, the decision will be determined by a single match of **Rock, Paper, Scissors**.
 - The player displaced by a conflict will be provided a loaner set by the GRA for the season. The player must provide a \$50 deposit (waiving the rental fee), which is fully refundable upon return.

Name Bar Regulations

Provincial level teams wishing to add player surnames to game jerseys must adhere strictly to the following criteria:

- **Team Consensus:** Name bars must be adopted uniformly across the entire roster. The decision must be mutually agreed upon by the bench staff and player families.
- **Approved Vendor:** Name bars must be purchased exclusively through the designated GRA vendor (**Hometown Sports in Guelph**). One gold and one grey name bar must be ordered to complete the player's jersey set.



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- **Attachment Method:** Name bars must be **sewn directly** to the garment. Adhesives, iron-on backings, fabric glue, or Velcro are completely prohibited. Thread must match the color of the name bar exactly (e.g., do not use black thread on a gold name bar).
- **Placement Location:** Name bars must be horizontally centered and aligned exclusively along the upper shoulder area on the back of the jersey.
- **Sublimation:** Direct sublimation of names onto the fabric is prohibited; physical name bars must be utilized.
- **Uniformity Enforcement:** If a team collectively votes against name bars, any individual player possessing a pre-existing name bar from a prior year must carefully remove it to maintain team uniformity.
- **Supply Chain Variations:** If dye lots or name bar colors shift significantly between seasons due to supplier updates, the GRA Board reserves the right to request that legacy name bars be updated.
- **Rental Care:** Players using rented or borrowed association jerseys must exercise extreme care when installing and removing name bars to prevent cutting or snagging the base jersey fabric.
- **Compliance:** Players found using unapproved, third-party name bars will be mandated to remove them immediately and replace them with authorized products from the approved vendor.

The Guelph Ringette Association reserves the right to review, update, or alter this policy handbook at any time.