



Equipment Swap – Rules, Expectations, and Value System

The Hornets Lacrosse Association Equipment Swap is a community-focused initiative designed to reduce financial barriers, support new and returning players, and responsibly recycle usable lacrosse equipment within our membership.

1. Purpose of the Equipment Swap

The Equipment Swap exists to:

- Help families manage the cost of lacrosse equipment
- Ensure players are safely and properly equipped prior to evaluations and the season
- Encourage reuse of quality equipment within the Hornets community
- Foster a culture of sharing, fairness, and respect

*****This is a not-for-profit initiative operated by the Hornets Lacrosse Association.*****

2. How the Equipment Swap Works

Step 1 – Equipment Drop-Off & Intake

- Families bring gently used equipment to a designated drop-off event or intake window
- Volunteers log each item, check basic safety and usability, and sort by size and type

Step 2 – Contribution Tracking

- Each family's equipment contributions are recorded at intake
- Contributions are converted into swap credits based on equipment category

Step 3 – Equipment Swap Day

- Equipment is displayed in an organized, size-appropriate layout
- Families sign in and receive a swap ticket reflecting their earned credits
- Credits are used to select equipment needed for the upcoming season

Step 4 – Check-Out

- All families must check out with a volunteer before leaving
- Swap tickets are collected or marked complete to ensure fair distribution



3. Equipment Eligibility & Acceptance Standards

Accepted Lacrosse Equipment (must be safe and serviceable):

- Helmets (CSA approved, no cracks, functional chin strap)
- Gloves
- Shoulder pads
- Arm guards / elbow pads
- Rib or kidney pads
- Lacrosse sticks (shaft and head)

Condition Standards:

- Equipment must be structurally sound
- No cracked shells, broken padding, or missing components
- Cosmetic wear is acceptable if safety is not compromised

*****Final acceptance of all equipment is at the discretion of Hornets volunteers**.***

4. Hockey Equipment Policy

The Equipment Swap is intended primarily for lacrosse equipment.

- CSA-approved hockey helmets may be accepted if they are serviceable and suitable for lacrosse use
- All other hockey equipment will be considered only on an as-needed basis and subject to volunteer approval
- Acceptance of hockey equipment does not guarantee availability or suitability for all players

All non-lacrosse equipment is provided strictly on an as-is basis.



5. Equipment Value & Tiered Swap Credit System

To ensure fairness and simplicity, the Hornets Equipment Swap does not assign dollar values to used equipment. Instead, a tiered swap credit system is used.

Key Principles:

- A usable item earns credit regardless of brand or original retail price
- Condition affects placement and prioritization, not credit value
- Credits may be used across equipment categories

Tier 1 – High-Value Protective Equipment (1 Credit Each)

- Lacrosse helmet (CSA approved)
- Shoulder pads
- Rib / kidney pads

Tier 2 – Medium-Value Equipment (1 Credit Each)

- Gloves
- Arm guards / elbow pads

Tier 3 – Lower-Value Equipment (1 Credit Each)

- Complete lacrosse sticks (shaft and head together)
- Individual shafts or heads may be accepted at volunteer discretion

6. Condition Rating (For Sorting Purposes Only)

At intake, equipment may be marked as:

- Excellent – Like new, minimal wear (2 credits in addition to original assigned credit)
- Good – Normal wear, fully functional (1 credit in addition to original assigned credit)
- Acceptable – Cosmetic wear only, safe to use (0 credit in addition to original assigned credit)

Examples:

- Almost new shoulder pads – earns 1 credit for turn-in, plus 2 credits for minimal wear = 3 total credits
- Gloves in Good condition – earns 1 credit for turn-in, plus an additional credit for normal wear = 2 credits
- Stick in usable condition but maybe has no string (head and shaft) – earns 1 credit, but no additional credit as it is “acceptable” =. Credits are then totaled and written on the player/family’s swap ticket to be used for swap.



7. Fairness Controls & Access

- One helmet per player may be enforced to preserve availability
- Priority access may be given to new players and younger divisions
- Families are encouraged to take only what is needed for the season
- Equipment obtained through the swap may not be resold

8. Additional Equipment & Fees (If Offered)

Families requiring more equipment than their earned credits allow may:

- Request approval from volunteers, or
- Purchase additional items at a nominal cost (if offered)

Any proceeds collected go directly back to supporting Hornets programs.

9. Optional Services

Depending on availability, the following services may be offered on swap day:

- Stick stringing assistance
- Equipment bag cleaning or servicing

These services are optional and separate from the equipment swap.

10. Liability & Use of Equipment

- All equipment is provided as-is
- The Hornets Lacrosse Association assumes no liability for fit, performance, or future wear
- Families are responsible for ensuring proper fit and suitability for their player

11. Behavior Expectations

All participants are expected to:

- Treat volunteers and other families with respect
- Follow volunteer instructions during the event
- Support a fair and positive experience for all members

Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.



Swap Ticket Draft and Example details:

Hornets Lacrosse Association

Equipment Swap Ticket

Player Name: _____

Division / Age Group: _____

Family Name: _____

Date Issued: _____

Equipment Contributed (Intake – for Reference)

| Item Type | Condition | Credits Earned |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> A | ___ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> A | ___ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arm Guards | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> A | ___ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> A | ___ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stick | <input type="checkbox"/> Ex <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> A | ___ |
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Base Credits Earned: _____

Condition Bonus Credits: _____

☆ **TOTAL SWAP CREDITS AVAILABLE:** _____



Equipment Taken (Swap Day – Volunteer Use Only)

Item Taken Credit Used Volunteer Initials

Helmet — —

Gloves — —

Shoulder Pads — —

Arm Guards — —

Rib Pads — —

Stick — —

Credits Remaining at Check-Out: _____

- Credits fully used
- Credits partially used
- Unused credits donated back to Hornets

Volunteer Check-Out Initials: _____

Time Out: _____

Example (Filled In)

Player Name: J. Smith

Division: U11

Family: Smith

Date Issued: Feb 28, 2026

Equipment Contributed:

- Shoulder Pads – Excellent → 1 base + 2 bonus = **3 credits**
- Gloves – Good → 1 base + 1 bonus = **2 credits**

TOTAL SWAP CREDITS: 5



Equipment Taken:

- Shoulder Pads (1)
- Gloves (1)
- Arm Guards (1)
- Stick (1)

Credits Remaining: 1 → Donated back to Hornets

How This Works Operationally

- One ticket per family/player
 - Tracks **credits in and credits out**
 - Allows condition bonuses without debate
 - Volunteer initials create accountability
 - Easy to explain to parents in under 30 seconds
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Printing & Use Recommendations

- Print **half-page (2 per sheet)** on cardstock
- Hole-punch and string them if volume is high
- Keep tickets at check-out table until the end of the event