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# Purpose:

To define the management, accountability and responsibility of equipment in the association.

# Association Obligations:

* + - The Association will supply the following team equipment to each Head Coach at the start of the season:
      * Rings
      * Pylons (if available)
      * Game sheets
      * Drill manuals or sheets
      * Equipment Bag
      * Shooter Tutor (if requested)
      * First Aid Kit
    - The Association may provide the following goaltender equipment to each Head Coach at the start of the season (players may elect to provide their own equipment).
      * For U10 (part time up to 25% as per RAB Policy 27: Goaltender Development)
        + One set of player size suitable goalie pads
        + One player size suitable goalie stick
        + One player size suitable blocker
        + One pair player size suitable glove for ring pick-up and throw
      * For U12 (part time up to 75% as per RAB Policy 27: Goaltender Development)
        + One set of player size suitable goalie pads
        + One player size suitable goalie stick
        + One player size suitable blocker
        + One pair player size throwing glove that protects the back of the hand
        + Chest protector or shoulder pads with chest protection
      * For U14, U16 and U19
        + As above if available.
        + Full time goalies may choose to purchase their own equipment

NOTE: Goaltenders at U12 and up must elect to choose **one** of the following:

1. Utilize equipment provided by Red Deer Ringette
2. Receive the applicable goaltender discount.
   * + The Association will supply the following team jerseys:
       - For Active Start and U10 Step 1 and 2:
         * 1 single color jersey per player
         * Players retain jerseys between games
         * Name bars or silk-screening of names is allowed
         * Players are permitted to keep at end of season
       - For U10 Step 3 and up:
         * 1 set of “Home” jerseys with jersey bag

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* + - * + 1 set of “Away” jerseys with jersey bag
        + Jerseys are turned back at the end of season
        + Name bars are not to be used

# Equipment Manager Obligations

* + - Complete a preseason inventory and inspection of equipment
    - Arrange for repairs of any equipment prior to distributing to teams
    - Track equipment signed out to each team
    - Manage the inventory of Active Start, U10 Step 1 and Step 2 jerseys
    - Restock equipment as required once approved by the Association
    - Arrange for drop off of equipment at the end of the season
    - Inspect equipment for any damage and notify coach if damage is found
    - Replenish any jerseys given to or purchased by U19 players in their last year with RDR
    - Replenish any goalie equipment purchased by a goalie

# Coach Obligations:

* + - Sign for equipment
    - Ensure a team “Jersey Parent(s)” is designated to manage the jerseys
    - Monitor equipment for wear, damage or loss
    - Complete any minor repairs to equipment during the season if possible
    - Report any damage of equipment to the Association Equipment Manager
    - Report any loss of equipment to the Association Equipment Manager
    - Ensure jersey sets are complete and washed before turning in at the end of the season (where applicable)
    - Note - Management of team equipment and the condition of its return may be taken into consideration when reviewing coaching applications for subsequent seasons.

# Player Obligations:

* + - Each player is expected to purchase and wear the following equipment:
      * CSA approved helmet – Black only for U12 and Up Divisions
      * Regulation Ringette Cage
      * Neckguard (BNQ)
      * Elbow pads
      * Shoulder pads
      * Gloves (hockey or ringette).
      * Jill Strap (not jock strap) – allowed for U10 step 2 and down
      * Short hockey pants and socks – allowed for U10 step 2 and down
      * Pelvic girdle for hip/tailbone protection with built in Jill protection – U10 step 3 and up
      * Long Ringette pants – Regulation Red Deer Ringette pants for U12 and up, any color for U10 step 3 and down (black is preferred).
      * Knee pads/shin pads.
      * Skates – No toe picks
      * Regulation Ringette stick – max length: cut to fit under armpit with skates on
      * Practice jersey
    - Players are to treat Association equipment with respect and care.

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# Special Considerations:

* + - In the event a jersey is damaged due to play during a game or a requirement to remove it due to injury, there will be no cost levied against the player to replace the jersey.
    - Players who have played every season from their 1st year of U14 to 3rd year of U19 (regardless of level in any division) in the Red Deer Ringette Association are entitled to keep their jersey from their third season of U19 at no cost to them.
    - Players who also have played every season from their first year of U14 to at least their 2nd year of U19 will be entitled to keep their jersey at no cost to them. The association will replenish the team jersey(s) for the following season. If any of these players decide to return, they will not be entitled to their jersey at the end of the 3rd year.
    - Players at U19 who do not meet the criteria in the previous point may purchase their jersey from their last season of U19 if they wish. This will be managed in cooperation with the team Head Coach and the Association Equipment Manager.