

Aberdeen Hockey Association

Jersey and Uniform Policy

This document outlines Aberdeen Hockey Association's (AHA) policy governing game uniforms to be worn by AHA members while competing in games. This policy is not meant to replace or revise any policy already established by USA Hockey or South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (SDAHA). If any information within this policy contradicts a policy established by USA Hockey or SDAHA, these other policies will supersede AHA's policy and AHA will follow their policy.

AHA will make available game jerseys to members at all levels. The game jerseys supplied will be loaned to the members, and AHA will retain ownership of the jerseys. Members are expected to provide a high level of care for the jerseys to ensure they remain in an acceptable condition for future use. Game jerseys should only be worn during games or other AHA events. Jerseys may not be altered in any way. First or Last Names will not be allowed to be placed on any game jersey.

Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, and Girls Junior Varsity Only:

Varsity and Junior Varsity members will have the option to purchase their jersey directly from AHA. The price will be a direct pass through to the member. The purchased jerseys are the property of the member, however AHA requires that all uniform policies are adhered to including condition, ensuring the jersey still fits appropriately, and no alteration of the jersey. AHA will inspect the jerseys as they deem necessary. If the condition of the jersey is not acceptable, AHA in its sole discretion may 1) require a member to purchase a replacement or 2) assign the member an alternate jersey from their available jersey stock that will be a different number. For those members who are unable to or wish not to purchase their jersey, AHA will have jerseys available for their use. Jersey numbers will be determined/assigned in seniority order from class and alphabetically within the class level. 12th Grade (A-Z), 11th Grade (Z-A), 10th Grade (A-Z), and 9th Grade (Z-A). Once the jersey number has been assigned, this number will remain the members until they no longer participate in AHA. However, players may request a new number that was previously worn by an older player that has graduated or left the program. The jersey process for these members will be handled the same as all other state league jersey distribution.

AHA will make annual jersey purchases to accommodate first year eligible members and to allow existing members the ability to purchase replacement jerseys or a different size. Newly eligible members will choose a jersey number that is available. For players wishing to change their number, numbers will be chosen from the available numbers in stock by seniority. No player will be able to take a number from another player that held that number in the previous season. The order will be grade/class first, and then alphabetical by last name: 12th grade A-Z, 11th grade Z-A, 10th Grade A-Z, 9th Grade Z-A. Once the jersey/number is chosen, the player/member will have the first right to use this same jersey/number until they no longer participate in Aberdeen Cougar Hockey.

If a player outgrows a jersey, AHA does not guarantee a replacement jersey of a different size will be provided with the same number. In other words, a player needing a different size will not be guaranteed the same number in a different size. Members will be provided jerseys first from the existing jersey stock. This will also cover the situation when a jersey is damaged or worn to a point where it can no longer be used in game situations.

Any player who registers, after jerseys have been distributed, will be required to choose from the available jerseys/numbers in stock. No jersey number/sizes will be ordered or collected from existing players to provide a late registering player with the number/size jersey of their choice.

For all levels with the exception of Varsity and Junior Varsity, the cost of game jerseys will be funded by AHA through fees and fundraisers. Deposit checks in the amount of \$100 per player for termites and mites and \$200 per player for Squirt/10U, PeeWee/12U, and Bantam/14U levels. Deposit checks must be made payable to AHA, at the time the game jerseys are issued. This check will not be cashed if the game jerseys are returned to AHA in an acceptable condition at the end of the season. All Jerseys must be turned in at scheduled Jersey check in, and/or NO LATER THAN April 15th of each season, or deposit checks will be cashed.

AHA HDC Committee will determine jersey styles, and game uniform requirements for all levels in AHA. AHA will supply or make available for purchase the game jerseys, but all other items (aside from equipment rental gear) are the responsibility of the member. At State League levels (pee wee and above) Styles and/or colors of other uniform components (i.e., breezers, socks, gloves, helmets etc.) must be adhered to by all AHA members. Uniform requirements for each season will be published prior to the start of each season.

For State League Boys Teams

Players are required to wear their assigned home/away game jersey for games. Players are required to have royal blue breezers, or the corresponding royal blue breezer cover on their breezers. White helmets are required for all skaters. Players are allowed to wear black, blue, yellow, or white gloves. Skaters are required to wear the approved sublimated socks.

For State League Girls Teams

Players are required to wear their assigned home/away game jersey for games. Players are required to have royal blue breezers, or the corresponding royal blue breezer cover on their breezers. Blue helmets are required for all skaters. Players are allowed to wear black, blue, yellow, or white gloves. Skaters are required to wear the approved sublimated socks.

Termites, Mites, Squirts, Peeweels, U14 and Bantams Only

AHA does not guarantee or promise that any specific jersey number can be provided. AHA has a limited number of jerseys available and the proper sizing of the jersey to the players takes a precedence over the number on the jersey. Additionally, AHA cannot guarantee the player will have the same number for the entire season. Until such time that all teams are set and rostered, players may be required to change numbers so that no one number is duplicated on any one team. AHA will not guarantee any player at these levels will have the same number in future seasons. Jersey numbers will be chosen by birth year and then alphabetically by last name A-Z.

This policy shall remain in effect until either 1) the AHA Board of Directors votes to remove the policy or 2) this policy is revised or amended by a vote of the AHA Board of Directors

--Adopted 08/2021 by the Aberdeen Hockey Association Board of Directors--