



SOUTHWEST ZONE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON

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GAME JERSEY POLICY

Purpose:

Player jerseys are a major investment for SWZ Hockey. This policy is designed to protect this investment and reduce future costs to the organization for repair and replacement.

General Care:

- Jerseys should be taken to and from games in the SWZ supplied jersey bags. Jerseys will not be given to players to take home in their equipment bags, or in individual garment bags.
- Jerseys should be hung in the change room and never left on the bench or floor.
- Jerseys will only be worn for games, and not used for practices.
- Captain "C"s and "A"s must be stitched on, never glued or ironed.
- Consider assigning jerseys that already have the "C" and "A"s to your captains, rather than moving them.
- Consider having two separate volunteers for jerseys: one home, one away

Cleaning:

- Jerseys should not be washed after every game unless necessary, as this creates additional wear to the jerseys.
- Post-game, jerseys need to be separated and hung to dry. Damp game-worn jerseys should never be left in the jersey bag.
- Jerseys can be washed in warm or cold water (not hot). Recommended each set takes two loads in a standard washer.
- Jerseys should never be put in a dryer. They should be hung to dry
- Never use bleach when cleaning. Stains should be spot cleaned only,

Name Bars:

It is SWZ position that name bars are not necessary and carry the following risks:

- Damage to the jerseys when being removed, and

- Increased risk of players being targeted and helps to facilitate bullying.

As a result of this, name bars are not allowed at Bantam and Midget. Name bars are allowed at Peewee, however SWZ recommends against them.

Sponsorship:

Teams are not allowed to affix any sponsorship logos or modify the jerseys in any way without the express consent of SWZ. The only exception to this is detailed in the SWZ Sponsorship Policy.

Drinks other than water:

It is SWZ's position that there is no reason our athletes should be consuming sports drinks, juices or liquids other than water during games or practices. Water provides the best and most appropriate hydration for them. Sports drinks will quickly stain a jersey and its cresting. As such, only water is permitted on the benches when the jerseys are being worn.

Violations/Sanctions:

Any damage/staining of the jerseys as a result of the use of drinks other than water will be at the cost of the player or family.

The Head Coach will be held accountable for any disregard of this policy by the team, or members of the team. Where warranted, the Head Coach may face suspension by SWZ should the policy not be followed.