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Equipment Policy		

Purpose

The Novas are expected to present a consistent and professional appearance on and off the ice.

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations for the issue, use, care, and return of team-issued equipment, uniforms, and apparel.

This policy does not replace any equipment requirements established by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia U15 Major Hockey League, or any other applicable governing body.

Policy

Team-issued equipment, uniforms, apparel, and other team property are to be used for approved Novas games, practices, training sessions, team travel, tournaments, or team-related activities.

Players are responsible for the care, cleaning, maintenance, and safekeeping of all items issued to them.

Players and parents/guardians are responsible for lost, stolen, damaged, or unreturned items.

Equipment and Apparel Issue

Equipment, uniforms, and apparel will be issued after the final roster has been completed and submitted for registration purposes, or at another time determined by the President, Head Coach, or Executive.

The timing of equipment issue may vary depending on roster submission deadlines, league requirements, supplier timelines, and team needs.

Player Equipment

Players will be issued team equipment such as a helmet, mask/cage, gloves, or other approved equipment as determined by the team.

Players are responsible for these items throughout their membership with The Novas.

Unless otherwise directed by the team, players may retain issued equipment and apparel at the end of the season.



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Any item that must be replaced during a player's time with The Novas due to loss, damage, wear beyond normal use, or improper care may be the responsibility of the player and parent/guardian.

Where possible, The Novas may assist players in purchasing required replacement items through team suppliers or at team pricing.

Uniforms and Jerseys

At the beginning of each season, players will be issued home and away jerseys, socks, pant shells, practice jerseys, and other uniform items as determined by the team.

Players are responsible for ensuring that all uniform items are properly cared for, cleaned, maintained, and kept in presentable condition for games, practices, and team activities.

Game jerseys are to be worn only for games or approved team activities and are not to be worn for practices unless approved by the coaching staff.

Jerseys are not to be altered without permission. Name bars, sponsor bars, numbers, patches, or other uniform markings must be applied in the manner directed by the team to ensure a consistent team appearance.

Jerseys are not to be tucked into hockey pants during games. Sponsor bars and team markings must remain visible.

Jersey Return

Home jerseys, away jerseys, and practice jerseys must be returned to The Novas at the end of the season, or earlier if requested by the team.

Jerseys must be returned clean and in reasonable condition, allowing for normal wear from hockey use.

If a required jersey is not returned, or is returned damaged beyond normal wear, the player and parent/guardian may be invoiced for the replacement cost.



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Early Departure or Refund Request

If a player leaves the team before the end of the season, requests a refund, or is otherwise no longer participating with the team, The Novas require the return of team-issued jerseys and any other team property specifically requested by the President or designate.

No registration refund, media guide reimbursement, or other financial reimbursement will be issued until all requested team property has been returned in acceptable condition.

If the value of lost, damaged, or unreturned items exceeds any amount otherwise owing to the player or family, the player and parent/guardian may be invoiced for the difference.

Final Decision

The President or Executive will determine whether an item must be returned, replaced, repaired, or invoiced.

The decision of the President or Executive regarding team-issued equipment, jerseys, replacement costs, and returns is final.