

## VYHA Jersey Number Policy

### JERSEY NUMBERS

VYHA players are required to have their own sets of Valley Eagle Jerseys/Socks. However, USA Hockey rules do not permit multiple players on the same team to have the same number. To prevent this from happening, once a player has been assigned a jersey number for any team within VYHA, that number will no longer be available for any other players born in the same year, the year before, or the year after the player who has that number. Once a player has been assigned a number, they will be able to keep that number as long as they remain registered with the VYHA; however, they may elect to give up their current jersey number in order to select a new number.

### CHOOSING A NUMBER

Each year prior to opening registration, a list of available numbers for each birth year will be provided as part of the registration package. A player without an assigned number may choose up to 3 numbers from the available number list. Numbers will be assigned in a manner to try to ensure that all kids can get one of their 3 choices. By not selecting 3 preferred numbers, the jersey committee may assign any other available number and have that considered as having been one of the player's top 3 choices. If a player has an older sibling and they would like to have the same number as the sibling, this needs to be communicated to the jersey committee. This will be given a higher priority over other new jersey numbers; however, it may still not be possible to get that number assigned.

### ORDERING A JERSEY

Jerseys/socks requested through registration will be ordered in batches, with the first batch being all players who have registered in time for any Early Registration discount. After that, orders will be placed in periodic intervals (about every 2-4 weeks). It will normally take 6-8 weeks from when the jersey is ordered to when it is received by the VYHA. Midseason replacement jerseys/socks will require the family order directly from the vendor. (VYHA website should have a link)

When registering a player size of jersey/size of socks and number preferences will all have to be provided. The costs for these will be determined on an annual basis, and paid for as part of the initial registration cost, and jerseys/socks will be delivered to the players through the VYHA.

### PLAYERS NOT RE-REGISTERED

If a player does not re-register with the VYHA by the end of October, that player's assigned number will be returned to the pool of available numbers in November, and will be made available to new players at that point.

## JERSEY REQUIREMENTS BY AGE LEVEL

Players registering at the Mite level are only required to have a single set of black jersey/socks, but may purchase a white set if they want. Players in Squirt and older age groups are required to have both Home and Away sets of jerseys/socks. Players that register in IP/Mini-mites by the end of October will be provided a reversible jersey with their name on it. IP/Mini-mite style socks may be purchased separately from the jersey. Players that register in IP/Mini-mites after October will be provided a reversible jersey without their name on it, and they will not be able to choose a jersey number. Nameplates can be ordered for these players, but it will be the family's responsibility to have the nameplates added to the jerseys.

## [TRAVEL TEAM WAIVER](#)

For players on Travel teams, if a number is not taken by someone on the birth year travel team that they are a member of, but the number is not available due to it having already been assigned to another player (on a House team, or someone a year older or younger), it is possible to submit a [waiver](#) to request a particular number. The waiver essentially says that if that player (the one submitting the waiver) ends up on the same team as another player who already has that number, then it is the player who submitted the waiver who is responsible to change their jersey number, and possibly purchase a new set of jerseys. However, if the jersey number conflict is created by a VYHA roster change after the jersey has been ordered, then the VYHA will pay for the replacement jersey.

## RECORD KEEPING

Someone will be appointed by the VYHA board to maintain the record of assigned jersey numbers, available jersey numbers, and waivers on jersey numbers within the organization.

[Online Waiver Form](#)