**LIHA GOALIE EQUIPMENT GOALIE CHECKOUT / CHECKIN**

**Equipment Check Out/Turn In**

Association equipment must be turned in at the end of each season at the time and place designated by the LIHA Equipment Manager. Goalies moving up an age level will be expected to turn in their equipment and receive different equipment in an age appropriate size during the beginning of next season. Goalie gear may be used during the summer by special request. During the end of the 2016-2017 season, please return you gear on the following dates:

March 14th @ the Icebox from 4:30-6:00pm.

March 15th @ the Icebox from 4:30-6:00pm.

Before returning the goalie gear make sure that is it washed and dried in preparation for storage and use next season. Follow the directions below.

**LIHA GOALIE EQUIPMENT CLEANING AND MAINTANCE**

Your equipment will wear much better if allowed to thoroughly dry between uses. Wet materials are more subject to abrasive type wear. Equipment should be air dried at room temperature. **DO NOT** use heat to dry equipment as this can cause premature, unseen damage to the surface materials and internal padding which will accelerate wear.

**Washing**

Chest & Arm Protectors and Pants should be hand washed only in cold water with a mild detergent. Lightly scrub the item, using a sponge, and then rinse thoroughly. Item should be allowed to air dry. **DO NOT** submerge any item in water because item will most likely not be able to dry properly. Moist areas, that do not dry properly can form bacteria and mildew. Shrinkage is more likely to occur on soaked items as well. A washing machine is not recommended as water pressure can cause premature separation of coatings on external materials. Never use fabric softener on your equipment for the same reason.

**Gloves & Blockers**

Catch gloves and blockers should only be cleaned with a damp warm rag, wiping both the interior and exterior. Gloves need to be air dried. You can also treat the gloves with a spray, such as Lysol or special antibacterial solutions made for athletic equipment (especially goalie gear) in order to help eliminate smell from bacterial growth. You may also treat your gloves with a waterproofing spray.

**Leg Pads**

Goal pads can also be cleaned with a damp warm rag. They should be allowed to dry thoroughly between uses. The bottom areas of a pad are subject to a great deal of abrasion. Wet materials are softer and will wear much faster. You should always inspect the toe attaching hardware on your pads. It is a good idea to remove the attaching screws periodically and put a small amount of oil on them to prevent rusting. It is always a good idea to keep spare toe assemblies and hardware on hand in case of emergencies. Pads will wear much longer if you treat the exterior with a waterproofing agent, such as Scotchguard. This will help repel water off the pad and speed up the drying process. You may use a MargicEraser to clean leg pads. Test on a small area first.

**Helmet and Mask**

The goaltender's mask must be inspected frequently for any visible damage. If the shell of the mask is chipped, cracked or if any of the internal padding is ripped or unglued, the mask should not be used as the protection may be reduced. If the wire cage has any broken welds, bent wires or other defects, it should be replaced before further use. The mask should not be altered in any way. Under no circumstances should the mask be painted other than by a factory-authorized painter. Do not drill holes, sand, paint, cut heat, or use solvents or any type of tape or stickers on the mask. Do not install a replacement cage or other components that are not intended to fit the specific model mask. Any alteration of the mask voids the warranty, along with any and all certification, and could potentially cause or contribute to injury to the user.

The exterior shell should be cleaned with a damp non-abrasive cloth and mild dishwashing soap, if needed. The interior foam components can also be wiped down with a damp cloth. The sweatband can be machine laundered and dried. Replacement sweatbands are available. Never under any circumstances, use any chemicals or solvents to clean the mask.