



TCAHA EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZATION



WELCOME:

Welcome to another great season of Tri-City Amateur Hockey Association Jr. Americans Hockey! As a hockey parent you play a significant role in ensuring your child adheres to the standards that make TCAHA a great place for players to learn, develop and most importantly have fun! This equipment standardization guide is here to help walk you through the many equipment choices for your player while ensuring you follow the established standard. This standard helps each player and team look professional as they compete throughout the season!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS STANDARDIZATION?

- Eliminates confusion for parents regarding equipment setup.
- Lowers costs for participants as it eliminates purchasing different types of gear year after year.
- Strengthens the TCAHA brand by unifying all players under the same equipment standard that ensures each player looks professional.
- Reinforces our partnership with the Tri-City Americans and their support for us.
- Establishes an approved equipment setup by the Americans and reinforces a process to expand JR Americans gear if needed.
- Ensures ample in stock product for players to choose from locally so they get fitted properly and obtain safe gear that works the best for them.
- Strengthens TCAHA's partnership with our local hockey shop which leverages their resources to help lower costs, increase access and develop programs which benefit TCAHA and our members.
- Keeps the choice for many different gear brands, models, condition (new or used) and place of purchase in the hands of parents.

WHO DOES THE TCAHA EQUIPMENT STANDARD APPLY TO?

- The TCAHA Jr. Americans sublimated Jersey is required for all players. It is exclusively available at Hockey Source in Kennewick (required for rep players starting 2024-2025 season and house players the 2025-2026 season). **See standards below for specifics.**
- The rest of the jersey standard including navy helmets, navy gloves and navy/red pants or shells are required for all 10U rep – 18U rep players (except for last year 18U players in the 2024-2025 season) starting the 2024-2025 season.
- The navy helmets, navy gloves and navy pants are not required for 6U – 18U house players but are encouraged.

TCAHA EQUIPMENT STANDARD

The following is an outline of the only approved equipment items to be used when playing in TCAHA. The goal of this guide is to provide a clear outline so parents and players can easily adhere to it and help us put forward our most professional approach to growing hockey in Tri-Cities!

WHERE SHOULD I PURCHASE THESE ITEMS?

The goal of this standard is to keep the choice to purchase from many different gear brands, models, condition (new or used) and place of purchase in the hands of parents/players. There are only a few items required to be purchased in a specific brand or place of purchase. This is to keep the gear, like our jerseys for example, standard and to be respectful of our agreement with the Tri-City Americans. Please read the following pages to learn about each item.

EXCEPTIONS

There are two exceptions to this standard. House players are not required to buy navy colored helmet, gloves, and pants/shells, but are encouraged to purchase them. 18U rep players with only one year of eligibility left (last season being the 2024-2025 season) will only be required to purchase the new jerseys. Navy helmets or gloves would not be required for them but are encouraged.

TCAHA TO PROVIDE 6U/8U JERSEYS!

Starting from the 2024-2025 season, TCAHA will take on the responsibility of purchasing and issuing jerseys (both light and dark) to players in the 6U and 8U age groups. However, parents or players will still need to purchase their own socks (both light and dark). The goal of this program is to reduce costs for those looking to enter the game of hockey and make it more affordable for all to play the game we love. It will work like this:

1. **Beginning of Season Issuance:** At the beginning of each new season, 6U/8U players will be provided with a light and dark jersey.
2. **End of Season Return:** Players are required to return both jerseys to TCAHA at the end of the season.
3. **Non-Return Policy:** If a player or parent fails to return the jersey at the end of the season, or if it is returned in unusable condition, they will be charged \$65 per jersey for the replacement.
4. **Purchase Policy:** Starting at the 10U level (both house league and rep teams), players are expected to purchase their jerseys. This means they take ownership of their jerseys rather than returning them each season.

MIXED JERSEYS FOR THE 2024-2025 HOUSE SEASON

We understand the needs for each player are different and this includes when a new jersey is needed. To ensure parents/players do not incur extra costs, all house teams in the 2024-2025 season can use either the new jersey or the old jersey. This will prevent parents/players from having to purchase an old jersey because they need a new one and then turn around and purchase a new jersey for the 2025-2026 season when the new jersey is required for all players.

HELMET:

Color: Navy Blue

Required: 10U – 18U Rep

Optional: 6U – 18U House. (Navy or black preferred)

Brand: Chosen by parent/player

Purchase Location: Chosen by parent/player

Helmet Stickers: Included with purchase of helmet at Hockey Source or available for purchase at Hockey Source. Hockey Source is the only approved Jr. Americans helmet sticker and numbers vendor.

Additions: Jr. Americans stickers must be applied to each side of the helmet in the center (optional for house players). The player number gets applied to the front and rear of the helmet. Numbers are white in color with red outline. If you purchase the helmet at Hockey Source, then they will apply the stickers for you. You can also take your helmet purchased elsewhere into Hockey Source, purchase the stickers and Hockey Source will apply them for you. No other stickers should be applied to helmets.



GLOVES:

Color: Navy (only white accents, no other accent colors approved). The interior of the cuff and the palm color do not matter.

Required: 10U – 18U Rep

Optional: 6U – 18U House. (Navy or black preferred)

Brand: Chosen by player/parent.

Purchase location: Chosen by player/parent.

Additions: You also have the option of purchasing custom navy-blue Jr. Americans gloves at Hockey Source. These gloves will feature the Jr. Americans logo embroidered on the glove. Hockey Source is the only location where this glove can be purchased. The custom Jr. Americans glove is not required and is optional. No other additions are allowed on gloves.



PANTS:

Color: Navy pants plus red shells or red pants with navy shells. This is flexible in that if you'd prefer to buy black pants you can do that, you will just need to purchase a navy and red shell to go over it. If you already have red pants no problem, just purchase a navy shell and vice versa. Only white, black, or grey accents colors.

Required: 10U – 18U Rep

Optional: 6U – 18U House. (Navy or black preferred. Red is only used in rep)

Brand: Chosen by players/parents.

Purchase Location: Chosen by players/parents.

Additions: The Jr. Ams logo will be applied to the bottom right leg of the pant or shell (optional for house players). If purchased at Hockey Source, the Jr. Ams logo will be applied when purchased. If you purchase pants/shells somewhere else, you need to take the pants to Hockey Source so the logo can be purchased so it can be applied and kept uniform. Reminder players can still purchase black pants and opt to purchase navy or red shells. The same Jr. Ams logo placement applies to shells. If you already have navy or blue pants you can purchase the logo and get them applied to your current pants.



JERSEYS

Color: Custom sublimated TCAHA Jr. Americans jerseys.

Brand: Hockey Source Sports Excellence

Required: 10U – 18U Rep (starting the 2024-2025 season), 6U – 8U (Provided by TCAHA starting the 2024-2025 season), 10U - 18U House (Starting the 2025-2026 season).

Purchase location: Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for TCAHA jerseys. Each season teams are formed through evaluations. TCAHA will hold jersey fitting nights, so players know their size. As soon as teams are formed the team manager will turn in jersey orders immediately to Hockey Source. Parents/Players can then go to Hockey Source and pay for their jerseys. The jerseys can't be produced until all players pay for their jerseys. From order to delivery is about three weeks. Single order jerseys are still available throughout the season if needed.

Additions: Each jersey will feature the Jr. Ams logo on the front, numbers on the rear and arms and a star on each arm. On the left shoulder it will feature the new TCAHA logo. On the right shoulder it will feature the American flag. The jersey is standardized for all players and no other additions are approved. 18U will still have the option of requesting to use their red jerseys with approval of the board.



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SOCKS:

Color: Sublimated to look like the Ams socks. One white set and one navy set.

Brand: Hockey Source Sports Excellence

Required: 10U – 18U Rep (starting the 2024-2025 season), 10U – 18U House (Starting the 2025-2026 season). 6U-8U parents can purchase these socks or just a navy blue and white socks of their choice.

Purchase location: Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for the socks (except 6U-8U who can purchase socks wherever they want).

Additions: No additions allowed.



OVERALL:



360°
view



(RED SHELLS/PANTS FOR REP ONLY)



TEAM GEAR REQUIRED- 10U -12U REP TRACK SUIT

Color: Navy

Brand: CCM

Style: CCM Lightweight Jacket and CCM Lightweight Rink Suit Pants

Required: These are required for rep teams 10U -12U and optional for house teams. These are only available to Coaches and players.

Purchase Location: Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for this gear.

Additions: Jr. Americans logo embroidered on left chest. Player numbers embroidered in white on the back of the jacket centered below the collar.



TEAM GEAR REQUIRED- 14U – 18U REP POLO/JACKET

ITEM 1: Navy blue CCM Relaxed Fit Polo. Jr. Americans logo on the left chest.

ITEM 2: Black CCM Quilted Winter Jacket. Jr. Americans logo embroidered on the left chest. Player number embroidered in white on the right chest.

ITEM 3: Polo and Jacket to be worn with slacks (coaches' choice of color) and dress shoes.

Required: For 14U-18U Rep.

Purchase Location: Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for the CCM Polo and CCM Jacket.



TEAM GEAR- OPTIONAL

ITEM 1: Navy CCM Team Cuffed Beanie with JR. Americans embroidered logo centered on the front of the cuff. Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for this item.

ITEM 2: Navy CCM Premium Tech Fleece Pullover Hoody. Jr. Americans logo large on front center of sweatshirt. Player number on left chest area. Hockey Source is the only approved vendor for this item.

ITEM 3: Navy long sleeve or short sleeve athletic style training shirt. Jr. Americans logo large on the front center of shirt. Player number on the left chest area. The back of the shirt is left up to the coach/team for saying, slogan, name, number etc.

Purchase Location ITEM 3: You can purchase the long sleeve or short sleeve athletic training shirt from the following approved vendors: Jr. Americans spirit wear online, Hockey Source, Sun West Sportswear, Atomic Screen Printing & Embroidery. Coaches/teams may choose another vendor, but a proof must be presented to the board and the Tri-City Americans for approval. Teams should contact the TCAHA board and liaison to the Americans to get the proof reviewed.

Team gear is available for the coaches and players only.



HOCKEY SOURCE TCAHA TEAM GEAR- REP AND HOUSE

In partnership with Hockey Source, TCAHA approved team items are available for our players & coaches only. These items will be stocked in store so players/coaches can walk in, find the right fit and get outfitted immediately. These items will have a team discount applied at ordering. To best assist in ordering, Hockey Source will be providing scheduled fit nights, beginning in August. Please contact them at teamsales@hockeysourcenw.com for pricing, availability and to schedule your team fit night.

House players may purchase any team gear items, but they are not required for house players.



COACHES WEAR:

We value our coaches! As a coach for TCAHA upon completion of your USA Hockey number, safe sport training, background and coaching course, TCAHA will provide you with a new navy CCM mid weight jacket and rink suit pants.

ON THE BENCH: Coaches can wear their TCAHA provided midweight jacket, full tracksuit, black or blue polo shirt, black CCM winter jacket, CCM black quilted jacket or another winter jacket of their choosing. A suit and tie are also acceptable. JR Americans logo added to the left chest of jackets and polos with “Coach Last Name” embroidered in white under Jr. Americans logo. CCM approved coaches’ items must be purchased at Hockey Source.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

The following items are optional.

Gear Bag: JR. Americans gear bag from Hockey Source or the Jr. Americans spirit store only.



ANY OTHER JR. AMERICANS ITEMS:

Hats/beanies/polos/non team sweatshirts/other spirit wear must be purchased through the TCAHA spirit wear online store which is available August 1st through February 15th every year or Hockey Source. The Tri-City Americans logo is copyrighted and is not allowed to be used on other gear/wear outside of this guideline. Any items outside this guideline must be approved through the Americans.

APPROVAL FOR OTHER ITEMS:

Any other items not listed must be approved. The approval process involves submitting items to the board for approval. If the item contains a Jr. Americans logo it must be submitted to the Tri-City Americans as well.

HOCKEY SOURCE:

Hockey Source is located at 8382 W. Gage Boulevard in Kennewick. They will have their store stocked with all items needed in this guideline. They are committed to having a wide array of gear including entry, mid-range, and high-end gear. It will be easy for players to walk in, try on gear, find your correct fit and find/order all the Jr. Americans gear as outlined in this guideline so you can walk out ready to play!

Hockey Source is the exclusive provider for the following TCAHA items:

- Jr. Americans jerseys and socks.
- All Jr. Americans CCM required and optional team items.
- Jr. Americans stickers and numbers for helmets.
- Jr. Americans logo for shells/pants.
- Jr. Americans embroidered gloves (optional).



They are also a provider of:

- Jr. Americans spirit wear.



ONLINE SPIRIT WEAR STORE:

Looking for other spirit wear like sweatshirts, hats, beanies, and shirts to support your player and the Jr. Americans? These items are available at the yearly online "Spirit Wear Store" which opens August 1st each year and closes February 15th. The spirit store link can be found on the TCAHA website.

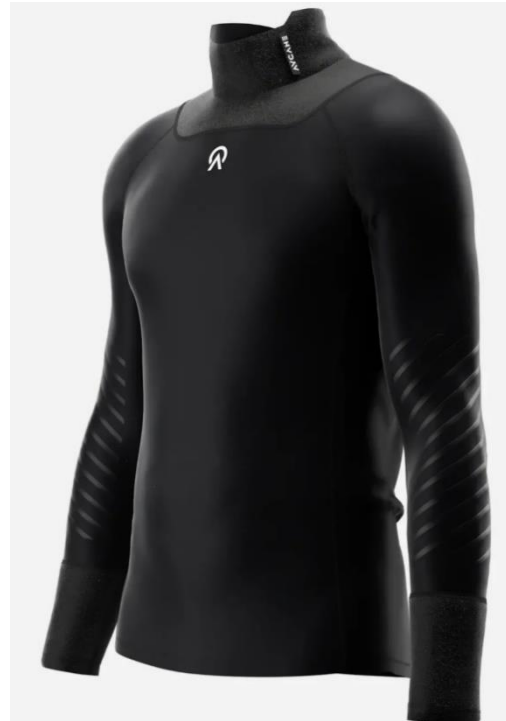
Current Online Spirit Store Vendor:



SAFETY

Safety gear is required when playing hockey in TCAHA. This includes skates, shin guards, pants, shoulder pads, gloves and helmet. New in the 2024-2025 season, neck guards are required by USA hockey for all games.

Other safety gear to consider: Cut resistant socks and shirts.



**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT STANDARD?
PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR
THE HOCKEY DIRECTOR.**

