



VMHA GOALIE GEAR RENTAL & CLEANING POLICY

VMHA Goalie Equipment “Rental” Program

VMHA offers goalie pads, chest protectors, blockers, gloves and goalie sticks to members in need of the aforementioned equipment in order **to play goal during our regular fall/winter program.**

Members will need to provide the balance of the required Hockey Canada/CSA approved gear including helmet/shield, neck guard, jock/jill, hockey pants, skates, practice jersey & socks. **VMHA team jerseys/socks are for game play only.**

Equipment is to be used only for VMHA programming. This equipment **MUST NOT BE USED FOR STREET OR BALL HOCKEY.**

Caring for VMHA Goalie Equipment

Our equipment will look/smell better and last much longer if you follow some basic care instructions.

- ALWAYS air-dry equipment at room temperature in a well-ventilated area after use. Drying your gear will prevent bacteria growth and reduce odor. **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.
- Keep all gear away from heat. Gloves are not leather anymore, placed on a heater they **will** melt.
- Deodorize equipment with sports disinfectant designed for soft and porous fabrics. (VMHA will supply EnviroCleanse made by Clean Terra.)
- DO NOT household sprays such as Febreze. Chemicals in Febreze will break down the equipment.
- DO NOT machine wash equipment. **DO NOT** submerge any item in water as it will not be able to dry properly (resulting in mould/mildew).
- If you do forget and the gear gets stinky, you are welcome to have it professionally cleaned at reasonable rates paid by user or team funds.

Air dry pads upside down leaning against a wall.

- Goal pads can also be cleaned with a warm, damp cloth.
- Do not use leather softeners or cleaners. Pads are made with synthetic leather.
- Do not use Magic Erasers on pads as they contain chemicals that will harm the materials.
- Be sure to periodically inspect all straps, buckles and hardware on your pads.

Gloves/blockers need to be air dried. Be sure to pen the back of the trapper when drying.

- Do not store the gloves at the bottom of your equipment bag. Gloves should be the last thing you put in your bag.
- Gloves and blockers should only be cleaned with a warm, damp cloth. (Inside & out.)
- Black and coloured tape on the grip area of your stick will discolour the blocker palm. Dye in the tape will cause the blocker (and your stick) to break down faster.
- If the palm of your blocker is hard/stiff DO NOT pour water on it. Apply a very small amount of shaving gel and rub it into the palm area. Allow it to sit for about five minutes then wipe off. This will keep the palm soft.



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Arm and Chest Combos

- If you have a newer arm and chest combo and it is stiff allow 3-4 weeks for it to begin to break in. You can speed up the process by wearing the combo around the house making sure to move around a lot.
- Chest Protectors may 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.
- Hang the combo to thoroughly dry right after use. Once a combo starts to stink it is very hard to get the odour out except with professional cleaning.

COVID Sanitizing / Disinfecting

VMHA hopes to provide 2 bags of goalie gear to all participating U9, U8, U7 & U6 teams in order to maintain good hygiene practice while continuing to encourage players to try the position. In older divisions, VMHA can't guarantee additional appropriately-sized equipment which will require teams to follow an enhanced hygiene practice.

2 Bag Rotation

In this situation, goalies will need to follow daily & weekly air drying and washing procedures as set above. An approved disinfectant (ENVIROCLEANSE) supplied by VMHA shall be used as noted in cleaning procedures. This product is best sprayed when equipment is hung to dry. Lightly spray inside glove and trapper and let set for 10 minutes. VMHA will supply a spray bottle and will refill any bottles when required.

1 Bag Rotation

Goalies will need to following daily & weekly air drying and washing procedures before handing off the equipment to the next player. Never switch when equipment is still wet and has not been disinfected. Upon accepting the dried and disinfected equipment for use, please use again the VMHA supplied bottle to spray disinfectant (ENVIROCLEANSE) let sit for 10 minutes. VMHA suggests that with a singular bag rotation, goalies should switch every 2 weeks.