



Policy Regarding the Use of Personally Owned Equipment

A player/family may, but is not required to, purchase their own equipment from a supplier of their choice. If a player/family chooses to purchase equipment, they must keep the following guidelines in mind:

- I. All helmets and face masks must be NOCSAE certified and have the corresponding sticker, imprint, or embossment visible.
- II. All helmets must show the original mark indicating the date of manufacture somewhere on or inside the helmet.
- III. All helmets and face masks must be the same color as the area's existing helmets and face masks.
- IV. All helmets must be discarded after 10 years **from the date of manufacture** unless a shorter amount of time is mandated by the manufacturer or NOCSAE.
- V. All helmets must be reconditioned by a NOCSAE certified reconditioning company AND recertified **every 2 years** unless required yearly by NOCSAE or the original manufacturer. For example: a helmet manufactured in 2019 would be certified for use in the 2019 & 2020 seasons, but must be reconditioned before use in the 2021 season regardless of whether or not it was used in that time frame. (Please refer to the original manufacturer's policies for each helmet style.)
- VI. Equipment must be properly fitted and verified by the area director before use.
- VII. Neither the JFLOCI nor its member areas will reimburse, coordinate, or pay for the cost of equipment, parts, reconditioning, or any other item relating to the purchase of equipment by a player/family. The JFLOCI provides the use of certified equipment that is included in the registration fee, but welcomes the purchase of any equipment that a player/family chooses to make on their own, so long as it meets our guidelines, the guidelines of the original manufacturer, and NOCSAE.
- VIII. The JFLOCI reserves the right to inspect and/or deny the use of individually owned equipment at any time and for any reason deemed necessary.

****Note:** *If a JFLOCI member area chooses to allow a player/family to add their individually owned helmet to the area's reconditioning order, they may do so, but the coordinating of payment and handling of the helmet is the sole responsibility of the area. The JFLOCI will refer all inquiries relating to the reconditioning of individually owned helmets back to the area directors.***