

TRAVEL JERSEY NUMBER DESIGNATION POLICY

In general, Flames jersey number designations are determined by comparing number requests to existing/returning Flame's player numbers, whose birth year is one year younger or one year older than the player seeking that number. Please know that number designation is done in the fairest way possible by utilizing the following procedure.

Jersey number designations will be addressed and assigned in order of the following categories each season for each team/player:

1. Returning Flames players who were on a Flames roster the previous season will have their numbers reserved. Jersey number seniority begins when you purchase your first Flames Travel jersey and is kept as long as you are with the LHA. Please also note that LHA House players moving over to a travel team carry no seniority regardless of how many years they have been in the LHA House program. They will be treated the same as a new Travel player to LHA requesting a number.
2. Number change requests for returning Flames players are considered next. Former Flames Travel players that have left LHA for 1 or more years lose their number seniority. Therefore, their previous Flames number may no longer be available to them this year. As a result, these players may be required to change their number if a conflict arises. These requests are reviewed on a first come first serve basis in this category for eligibility.
3. Players returning to the Flames after a year or more outside the organization who wish to use their old Flames number are considered next. These requests are reviewed on a first come first serve basis in this category for eligibility.
4. New player number requests are considered last and are also reviewed on a first come first serve basis in this category.

The following procedure is then used to determine jersey number assignments within the above categories:

1. Is there a player currently on the team with that number? If yes, we move to the next number choice.
2. Is there a player with a birth year one year older and/or one year younger on another team with that number? (This is checked in order prevent any **future** number conflicts.) If yes, we move to the next number choice.
3. If 2 players are seeking the same number, they will be considered in the category order defined above. If any duplicate number requests are received within the same categories above, then these will be handled on first come, first served basis. The date when the order form is actually received by the LHA is used to determine next request, NOT when the order form is dated. If a duplicate is found within a category, we move to the next preferred number choice.
4. This procedure is repeated for the 2nd and then 3rd number choice until a number is found. If none of the player's first 3 number choices are available, then the Equipment Manager will request an additional 3 choices.