



OFFICIALS RESOURCE SERIES

Ice Hockey Gear Guide

A practical checklist for arriving prepared, looking professional, and handling the assignment with confidence.

**THE
STANDARD**

Confirm every item against your state association, governing body, conference, and assigner requirements.

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Ice Hockey Assignment Checklist

Build your bag around reliability: the correct uniform, duplicate critical tools, comfort items, and protection for the conditions.

UNIFORM & PRESENTATION

- Approved striped sweater/jersey and black officiating pants
- Certified helmet with visor as required
- Skates maintained for officiating, black laces if required
- Protective base layer, shin/elbow protection, and protective cup

ESSENTIAL TOOLS

- Primary and backup whistle designed for cold environments
- Game card, pencil, and rule/reference materials
- Helmet hardware, skate tool, and spare laces
- Communication device only when assigned and approved

SMART BAG EXTRAS

- Cut-resistant base layers, neck protection if required/recommended
- Towel, glove liners, spare socks, whistle, and visor cloth
- Small first-aid and skate-repair kit

Pack, Inspect, Perform

WHEN	WHAT TO DO
48-24 HOURS	Confirm venue, level, crew, uniform, arrival time, parking, payment process, and special instructions.
NIGHT BEFORE	Lay out the complete uniform. Charge devices. Test whistles/timers. Check weather and travel time.
ON ARRIVAL	Change or finish dressing privately. Inspect equipment. Meet the crew. Complete the required pregame.
AFTER GAME	Record game details, clean and dry gear, replace used supplies, and note anything needed before the next assignment.

AVOID THESE MISTAKES

- Uncertified or damaged protective gear
- Dull blades or loose helmet hardware
- Wearing bulky layers that restrict movement

Starter Budget Strategy

PRIORITY	BUY FIRST	UPGRADE LATER
1	Required uniform and footwear	Second full uniform set
2	Required tools and protection	Premium bag/organizer
3	Backup whistle/timer and basics	Weather-specific duplicates

Important: This guide provides general preparation recommendations, not a universal uniform rule. Requirements vary by sport, season, level, state, conference, and governing body.