

# ICEWORLD POLICY

## High School Varsity Red Shirt



### Background

Idaho IceWorld Hockey Department wants to develop each player to their fullest potential. At the same time we are trying to improve our Varsity High School Hockey Program. Having high level players cut from the varsity squad at the start of the hockey season did not seem to be in anyone's best interest. These players were then sent back to Junior Varsity Program, for the season. This just did not seem to be in the best interest of our developing borderline varsity players. As many of these players that return to JV will be the Varsity players, the following year or year after. Having these players on the Practice Squad has several benefits. Not only to the players but also to the High School team. Players kept on a practice squad will help their, overall skill development and will improve their knowledge on what is expected at HS Level. For the Varsity Team these players may be called up to assist the Varsity Team when the Varsity team roster numbers are low for a game. These players can also be helpful in supplementing enough players for a practice. The players can also start learning the Varsity HS system of play.

### Idaho IceWorld Policy

In 2016/17 we implemented a Red Shirt Program. The Red Shirt player Program allows the red shirted player to attend all Team Events and practice with the Varsity squad. The Red Shirt Player should not expect to play in any game. The Head Coach dictates who is Red Shirted and who is cut from the Varsity Team. Not all players that are cut will necessarily make the Red Shirt Program. The below guidelines should be closely followed.

### IceWorld Red Shirt Guidelines

1. The Head Coach for the High School Varsity team will decide if they are going to take a cut varsity player and offer that same player a Red Shirt position.

2. The control of the Red Shirt player is totally up to the Head Coach. The Head Coach will decide what is the best use for the player and their development. This includes all games to be played, (tournaments, League, Season, Playoffs, etc) or not played.
3. Red Shirt Players do not have to be called up during the season to play in any Varsity HS game or Tournament.
4. Red Shirted player being called up is at the call of the Head Coach. It is up to the Varsity Head Coach on whether the called up player is played or given a shift, in a game or not. The Red Shirted player should see the call up as a learning opportunity.
5. Red Shirted players will be on the T1 Roster with exception of not going over any USA Hockey Requirement on how many players can be on a team. Thus it would be possible for a team to have Red Shirted players on a practice team but not on a T1 roster.
6. All Red Shirted players are part of the Varsity High School Team and should be included in all events associated with that team.
7. A Red Shirted player, playing 11\* games or more, as a Red Shirt should be brought on as a permanent Varsity Player. (A coach may want to do this so an outgoing senior can play in state tournament.)
8. The Red Shirted player does not have to be part of the Junior Varsity League but it is recommended.
9. There is a separate cost to the Red Shirt Program set by Idaho IceWorld.

\*Revised from 7 games April 2017