

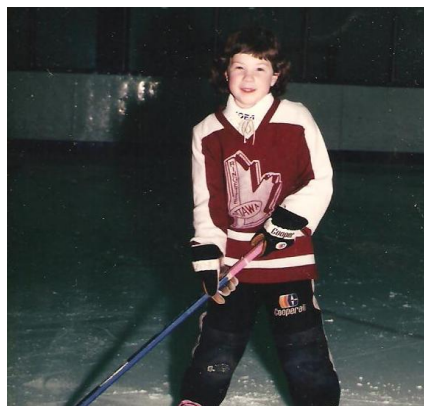
# The History of Our Jersey

Ever wonder where our colours came from and even our nickname the “Ice”? Well you aren’t alone.

Back in the early 1990s our association had seven teams and a single maroon jersey for each player with a white stripe across the top and

down the side that was used for home and away games. Our jersey featured the maple leaf logo that is still found on our older jerseys. Funny thing about the maroon jerseys is that when you washed them a little bit of the maroon would seep into the white part creating a light pink tone.

As our association started to grow the time came to find a new jersey and a new look. The general feeling was that maroon was a good choice as Ottawa was the only team using purple as its main colour. Also in 1994 the Anaheim Mighty Ducks were sporting a flashy new jersey that was a nice change from the more standard NHL jerseys, and



*Carrie Lugg, 2009 National Ringette League All-Star, at age 5 in maroon jersey*

it featured eggplant purple in home and away designs. It was a perfect fit and the new look for Ottawa was born.

In the late 1990s, the association realized that Ottawa needed a nickname. The volunteers of the day worked to come up with ideas

and the name the ‘Orcas’ was proposed and nearly accepted. The name appealed to younger players but was not in favour with older girls. In the end the name Ice was chosen and the polar bear logo was born.

*Did you know that we were almost called the ‘Orcas’ and we later chose Ottawa Ice as our nickname?*

Now as we look forward to the 2010-11 season, the time has come to order new jerseys and the

association executive is working hard to come up with an updated design. Players have been surveyed and over the next few months a new jersey will be unveiled. Interestingly both teal and purple remain favourites even though the Anaheim Ducks have moved to black, gold and orange.



*Carrie Lugg at age 7 in new Anaheim Mighty Ducks jersey*