

UNIFORM LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS

*****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

Laundrying: It is imperative that everyone use the same washing procedure to ensure correct care. All garments are washable, unless otherwise stated. However, this does not mean that careful care and repair are not necessary.

Jackets and Bib Pants:

- Always wash whites with whites and darks with dark colors!
- Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together!
- Never wash in hot water!
- Machine wash and dry on the gentle/knit cycle, or air dry.
- Do not use liquid fabric softener on band uniforms!
- If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before it has time to set and before laundrying. You may use non-chlorine stain removers when washing. "Simple Green" only the yellow one, works well on stains.
- Use only non-chlorine detergent! Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate.
- The multi-colored jacket must be washed with care! Please turn jackets inside out prior to washing
- Dry garments completely before storing!
- DO NOT USE A HOT DRYER SETTING! A hot dryer setting will remove the press. Use a cool setting. When dried on cool setting, uniforms will require very little touch up. Remove them from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately. Air drying keeps the shape very nicely.
- STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to take the clean uniform to a dry cleaner to put in a professional press. This press will last throughout washings making care easy

Gauntlets:

- Make certain the Velcro is not exposed when laundrying. Hook pieces together evenly so the hook side is not exposed. This avoids "picking" of the fabric.
- Wash gauntlets on a gentle cycle and dry on a cool setting like the jackets and bib pants or hang to dry. Shout or Oxy-Clean work for wrist stains.

Shakos (hats):

- Hand wash all parts of the hat with a mild liquid cleaner diluted with cold water. There are many products designed for such purposes such as Woolite or mild dishwashing detergents. Frequent washing keeps the hat in good condition and reduces irritation that could lead to blemishes on your skin.
- You may scrub soiled parts gently with a toothbrush to remove dirt particles.
- Allow the hat to drip dry. Do not place in a dryer or near artificial heat.
- DO NOT use any spot-cleaning chemicals.
- DO NOT bleach any part of the hat. You may use Clorox wipes on the inside of the hat to remove makeup or sweat stains.

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