

Nease Marching Band Uniform Care Instructions

➤ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

➤ DO NOT TEAR/CUT OUT THE BAR CODES OR TAGS IN THE UNIFORM

Laundering:

- Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together!
- **Never** wash in hot water!
- **Use only** non-chlorine household laundry detergent.
- **NOTE:** Always test wash one garment before the entire set.

Jackets and Bib Pants:

- Jackets and Bib Pants are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine.
- Any of the other fabrics that are sewn into the jacket are also washable.
- Any piece that is removable (is attached with Velcro, snaps etc.) **must be** taken off and cared for separately.
- If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before it has time to set and before laundering. (See stain removal “Quick Reference” guide below)
 - You may use “Spray and Wash” and other **non-chlorine** stain removers when washing.
- **Use only non-chlorine** detergent! Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to be damaged or bleed.
- **Do not use** liquid fabric softener on band uniforms!
- A softener sheet may be used in the dryer, however, **use only** one (1) sheet per dry load (see drying directions below.)
- Machine wash on the gentle / permanent press cycle **do not** wash any other clothes with the uniform.
- Launder pants with snap tape left in place, so that the length sizing does not have to be repeated each time uniforms are laundered.
- At cycle completion place garments in dryer, and dry on cool/permanent press setting.
- **Caution:** Do **NOT** use a hot dryer setting!
- When dried on a cool or permanent press setting, uniforms will require very little touch up.
- Remove garments from the dryer and **place on a hanger immediately.**

Pants Pressing:

- Touch up pressing on pants may be desired occasionally
- The pants may be professionally pressed after several washings and drying **But Not** Dry Cleaned.

- **Do Not** press over seam the snap-up hem where the snap tape is placed. Press creases on front and back of pant and bottom hem.

Extended Shoulders (Wings):

- Fold extended shoulders or wings them back onto the shoulder during washing and drying. **Try to also do** this when transporting uniforms. Folding allows them to hold their shape much better.
- Touch-up Steam pressing shoulders and collars **may be required** to retain their proper shape and appearance due to heat bonded interfacings.
- Be sure to dry garments completely after each use before storing.
- **Do not** store in vinyl garment bags.

Garments or Pieces with VELCRO:

- Make certain that the hook side of the Velcro is not exposed when laundering uniforms to avoid a 'picking' of the fabric.
- If a jacket has both the hook (hard side) and loop (soft side) of Velcro, hook pieces together evenly so the hook side is not exposed.
- **Note:** If the two pieces cannot be easily hooked together, use loose pieces of soft Velcro to place on the hard Velcro. Can place in separated laundry bag for wash

Gauntlets:

- Gauntlets that are all poly gabardine, may be washed on a gentle cycle and dried on a permanent press setting in a dryer observing all laundering instructions previously provided for this fabric type above (see Jackets and Bibs, Pieces with VELCRO).
- Make sure to hook the Velcro closure together when laundering in a machine to avoid picking of fabric.
 - Can be washed in special/separate laundry bag
- All gauntlets with sewn in trims are laundered in the same manner with the exception of Sequin Trim. These must be hand washed in cool water, then towel dried to remove excess water.
- They should lay flat to dry and always wash in cold water.

First Time Fitting the Uniform on at Home

- Students must **remove their shoes before getting into the pants** to avoid ripping out the snaps

Sleeves Adjust - A - Cuff Option:

- Adjust the snaps placed at different increments inside the sleeves to eliminate sewing sleeve hems.

Pants Adjust-A-Pant Option Fitting:

- Each pant leg has snap adjustments located on both the inside and outside leg seams.
 - The last 2 are male snaps which fold up to meet 1-12 female snaps.
 - Use male snaps to create a firm anchor at the hem's edge.
- Adjust the shoulder strap; have students try the pants on wrong side out, with their band shoes on, then fold up the hem and snap to the desired length.
- After the hem length has been determined, the student should remove the pants without unsnapping the new hem length.
- Press the new hem into place and the pants are ready to go.
- **CAUTION: Avoid** pressing with high heat and **DO NOT** press over the snap area as high heat will melt the snap imprint onto the outside of the garment.
- If the hem is very short (2-3 inches), the hem may need to be tacked slightly (with one or two stitches) between the side seams and pant creases (front and back) to help hold the hem in place.

Additional Length Options:

- Move female snap tape up on the seam or add more snaps at the top, if a desired length is not obtainable (you may request snap additions please reach out to your Nease Marching Band Uniform Coordinator).

General Precautions and FYI

Undergarments:

- Wear a T-shirt, 'Underarmour' like wicking shirt made of an absorbent fabric under uniforms (For Competitions show shirts are provided)
- The absorbent clothing should be worn UNDER the pants.
- **Do not** wear white underwear with white or cream or very light-colored pants.
 - This is true for both male and female.
 - If the need to wear light-colored underwear, the best choice is a tan, nude, gray or any other light color which will not show through the fabric as easily.

Precaution:

- No perfume, deodorant, or hair spray should be sprayed on or next to garments.

- The residue from these items will cause a build-up on the fabric or sequins causing them to lose their luster.
- Excess friction of VELCRO or sequins against the fabric may pick the fabric.
- 'Picks' are easily removed with a fabric shaver or an electric beard trimmer.

Important:

- Make any repairs as needed. Consult your Nease Marching Band Uniform Coordinator
 - Repair of minor seam rips or loosening of sequins or trim **must be taken care** of before the problem gets worse.
- **Please do not hesitate to ask questions by Consulting your Nease Marching Band Uniform Coordinator**