

All-City Band Proper Uniform Washing Instructions

Jacket, Bibs (pants) and Gauntlets:

Pre-wash preparations:

1. Carefully remove Baldric (sash) from uniform, do not rip off, or you may tear the baldric and/or the Velcro fasteners.
2. Fold the extended shoulders (wings) back on the jacket before washing.
3. Spot any heavily stained areas with a non-bleach spot remover.
4. Wash uniform jacket, pants and gauntlets alone or with another uniform in a small sized wash load.

Washing Instructions:

1. Wash in regular laundry detergent. **Do not use bleach or detergents with color safe bleach. Do not use Fabric Softener** as it changes the ability of the fabric to repel stains.
2. Machine wash on a small and **gentle cycle** and remove immediately after cycle is completed.
3. Baldric must be hand washed in cool water with Woolite, then rinse in cool water. Towel dry to remove excess water and lay flat or hang over a plastic hanger till completely dry. Dry uniform: pants, jacket and gauntlets on Gentle cycle for 15-20 minutes, check immediately. If not dry return to dryer for 5 minute increments.
4. Then immediately hang uniform correctly.

Hanging Instructions:

1. Take pants by the fold lines on the legs and align, then pull gently over your issued plastic hanger.
2. Add jacket to the hanger, front facing out from smaller side of hanger, zip jacket completely, and fold wings toward the center of the jacket.
3. Add and realign the Baldric, making sure it is not folded backwards.
4. Gauntlets should be in your bag in the pocket along with a clean t-shirt, and clean black socks.
5. Shoes can be in the uniform bag with uniform, but be sure they are clean on the bottoms before placing into bag.
6. Band proper and Honor Guard white gloves clean up best with $\frac{1}{2}$ scoop of Oxi-clean to an ice cream pail half full of hot water, allow to soak until clean with a little hand rubbing, remove from water, rinse with cool water and hang over faucet till dry. If still soiled, repeat. If too stiff after drying, may rinse in cold water and hang to dry or gently dry in dryer.

OTHER UNIFORM CARE TIPS

Please, after each parade/performance hang your uniform up correctly and neatly; then place all parts of your uniform in your bag for transportation on the trailer or to your home for proper cleaning.

If you sweat heavily, please take your uniform home and air-dry the uniform out of the bag. Please do not store your wet uniform in its plastic bag, as mold will develop, which is impossible to remove.

When changing the hem longer or shorter, do not cut off any length. If you cut length, you will be charged for replacing the pants. The legs of uniform pants taper (narrow), so when hemming pants that are significantly long you may open the side seams to make the fit smoother and hem easier. If your pant hem is falling down, please hem it or have someone repair it immediately to avoid fraying and tearing of the pants.