

# UNIFORM CARE INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. JACKET AND CUMMERBUND

- Dry Clean only if needed.
- Air dry before storing in bag to prevent mold.
- Leave bag unzipped when storing at home.
- Use regular metal hangers - plastic break.

## 2. PANTS AND SUSPENDERS

- Check pants after each performance and if needed dry clean right away so you will get them back before the next event
- Hanson's Cleaners on Vernon Avenue in Normal is the NCHS band uniform cleaners. They will give you a 10% discount on cleaning of band pants or uniform.
- Remove suspenders before dry cleaning and remember to put them back on!
- Hang with creases together.

## 3. RUFFLED ASCOT AND SNAP NECKBAND

- Wash frequently and hang to dry.
- Use Spray and Wash on the neckbands.
- Do not bleach or dry clean ascot - ruins orange trim.

## 4. BAND SHIRT AND GLOVES

- Wear band shirt or another appropriate white t-shirt under jacket.
- Have extra pair of gloves inside jacket.

## 5. WHITE BOXER SHORTS

- Always wear all white boxer shorts under your street clothes so you will be prepared to dress on the bus! Any other color will show through pants.

## 6. SHOES AND WHITE SOCKS

- Write your name in shoes with permanent marker.
- Keep shoes clean by using cotton balls and nail polish remover.
- Use white shoe polish, only if needed.
- Wear white socks-no colored trim.
- Do not put shoes in garment bag because they will rip the bag.
- Wash shoelaces with laundry soap.

## 7. HAT

- Adjust fit if needed using string inside hat and the chin strap.
- Do not turn hat upside down on top of sheet music. The black ink can transfer onto the hat and will not come off.
- All hair must be under the hat. Use rubber band and bobby pins if necessary.

#### 8. GARMENT BAG

- Hang uniform in bag with metal hanger opening towards nametag after each use. This is necessary when uniforms are stored on the truck.
- Leave bag unzipped during storage to prevent mold.
- No Shoes in bag.

#### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- Double check before leaving home that you have all uniform pieces.
- Do not wear nail polish or jewelry to field show competitions because judges will deduct points
- Do not mark or put tape on the garment bag or hat box.

#### QUESTIONS or PROBLEMS

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#### CHECKLIST

Band shirt

White boxers

White t-shirt

White socks

White marching shoes

Jacket

Pants and suspenders

Ascot and Cumberbund

Black gloves

Hat and hair stuff

Instrument