

Following is a summary from Stanbury Uniforms website, I have included the link as well.

As the uniforms come home after games and competitions please open the garment bags as soon as you get home to air the uniforms out. This past week we also turned the jackets inside out to dry off the sweat. Please air out the shakos (hats) and shoes as well. Hanging them on a shower rack has worked well for us.

Please read the following washing instructions thoroughly to ensure the continuous use of our bands' new uniforms.

If you have questions or notice any imperfections in the uniforms please contact me (Lhia Casazza, 530-409-7611 and email lhiann71@gmail.com and Mr. Sabado) as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Uniform Cleaning Instructions

If you chose to use a professional cleaner please go to the link below, print out the washing instructions and provide them to the cleaner. Otherwise the following is a summary from the website.

<https://stanbury.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Stanbury-Marching-Band-Uniforms-Washable-Cleaning-Instructions.pdf>

Stanbury recommends cold water washing over dry cleaning for all polyester gabardine fabrics.

Although the uniforms are made to be washed or dry cleaned, Stanbury's experience shows that washing by far produces the best results. Not only will it produce the best results both short and long term, it is far better for the environment.

It is not recommended that the students be responsible for cleaning their own uniforms.

Ideally the uniforms can be washed together in batches to cut down on electricity and water usage as they must be washed separately and not with other laundry.

Jackets and Jumpsuits must be washed separately.

FIRST WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

For the first wash it is recommended to wash the garments the first time by first soaking the them in vinegar or salt water (one half cup per one half load for both salt and white vinegar).

Let the garments soak for about 30 minutes, drain the water and wash again as instructed

below.

Suggestion for front loaders

If you have a front loader machine that doesn't have a soak cycle I googled some suggestions:

soak in 5 gallon bucket or sink; OR

place vinegar in fabric softener compartment if you don't use it for fabric softener, set cycle for gentle and start washer; after 5-10 minutes ensure vinegar has been dispensed into washer with water, press pause and allow to soak for 30 minutes. Once soaking is completed drain and start a gentle cycle with your no chlorine detergent.

ONGOING WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

The uniforms must be washed on a ***gentle cycle only***.

DO NOT USE FABRIC SOFTENERS, as they interfere with the performance wear characteristics and basically coat the fabric and block the fabric's finish interfering with the anti-stain, wicking and breathability of the garment.

Check the ingredients of your laundry detergent before washing. (DO NOT use detergents that have a chlorine base as it will eventually create a gray tint in the fabric of the garment).

- I found 3 detergents at Bel Air in CP that are marked as No Chlorine: Grab Green 3 in 1 detergent pods, fragrance free (\$8.99 for 24 pods), biokleen bac-out (\$7.49 for 32 fl oz) and Tide PurClean unscented (\$15.99 for 75 fl oz).

Do NOT use bleach at any time.

Using color catchers like Carbona Dye Magnet, or like products, that are designed to pick up excess dye are suggested as well.

TREATING STAINS

Stains on your uniforms should be treated immediately with products such as Shout, Zout or Oxiclean. Check the garment after washing to make sure the stain was removed.

DRYING INSTRUCTIONS

Air drying is recommended, but if a dryer is to be used, use a very short cycle on cool.

Shake the uniform and hang to dry on the wishbone hangers supplied with the order for best results.

Heat in the dryer will break down the weave of the fabric and will also void the warranty!

ONGOING CARE AND TIPS

NEVER use a hot iron! A light steaming will be sufficient.

Test a few garments first before proceeding with the first full cleaning.

Always wash whites with whites and dark colors with dark colors.

Separate jackets from jumpsuits and never mix when washing.

Always wash on the cold or cool settings, both on the washer and dryer. Never wash in hot water.

It is best to wash less than a full load at a time and it is best to only fill the machine to 1/2 capacity. (if you are washing uniforms in batches - otherwise wash individually)

Attach Velcro together and secure snaps before washing. Zip up zippers.

Never use fabric softeners when washing performance wear polyester fabrics.

Spot treat stains with non-chlorine products like Shout, Spray and Wash and such. First treat the stain by wiping with a damp cloth or sponge.

On jackets with mixed colors, soak in white vinegar or salt water per above instructions before the first washing.

Never use a hot iron to press. Use a steamer if needed.

Headwear Cleaning Instructions

Care and cleaning of shako hats:

- Hand wash with mild soap and cold water using a sponge. Wipe away excess and then let air dry.
- Armor All is an excellent product to clean and treat vinyl, but should not be used on fabric

covered shakos.

- Magic Erasers are excellent for removing stains and discoloration on vinyl. Do not use excess pressure when using a Magic Eraser so as not to scar or scuff the finish.
- Spot cleaners such as Shout or Spray and Wash are acceptable methods of cleaning stains.
- If the shako is covered fully or partially with fabric and not vinyl, use a large toothbrush with diluted mild soap or Woolite to clean and air dry.
- It is best to remove all metal parts, such as front chains and side buttons.
- Special care must be taken with embroidered shakos. Do not apply cleaning products of any kind to soak or permeate embroidery. Never put hats in a dryer

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