

# Things to know about your uniform

Here are some helpful tips for before and after a show, as well as for rainy performances.

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION!**

## **Before a performance...**

### **HATS -**

- \* Hats need to sit with the silver bill just above eye level.
- \* Hats need to barely touch your ears or right above.
- \* Take the plume out of the tube by pushing it out using the metal hook at the bottom.
- \* Everyone uses the strap placed under their chin except the drumline. The strap needs to be under the chin and tight enough to keep the hat from moving while performing, but not so tight that it chokes you. If you can fit your finger under the hat and wiggle it, your hat is too big. Try adjusting the membrane inside to lift or lower the hat if needed, keeping in mind where the brim needs to sit.

### **HAIR -**

- \* MALE OR FEMALE - **ALL HAIR NEEDS TO BE SECURED** up inside the hat. Hair ties, bobby pins, fabric headbands, and hairspray....etc are good things to think about when getting ready at home in order to put your hat on when getting ready for a performance. Please remember to take the time to do this before arriving at school for a game/competition or leave yourself time to do it at school before the game or getting on the bus. **It is very important that this is followed!**



### **SHOES / SOCKS -**

- \* Socks **MUST** be black...and on the longer side, please! This helps when moving on the field. If your pant leg happens to rise, you don't want a white sock, or your ankle/leg to show.
- \* Shoes **MUST** be all black...Most students, if not all, should have the Drillmaster shoes. If they do not, they need to have an all black shoe. **No other color can be shown, no matter how small it is!!**

### **Accessories/Jewelry -**

- \* No jewelry/earrings/bracelets...etc. You will need to cover up noticeable piercings with a skin colored band-aid.

**The things listed above are all very important when it comes to being judged on the field. Judges will look at everything: hair, uniform, shoes/socks, gloves...everything! Make sure to be in tip-top condition!**

## **After a performance...**

### **HATS -**

- \* Hats must be stored top face up inside the box
- \* Gauntlets need to be laid nicely inside the box next to the hat and not waded up.
- \* Gloves - **LEAVE UNFOLDED.** Just simply place them unfolded inside the box.
- \* Remove plume and push into the cardboard tube by pushing the metal hook at the bottom.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PLACE BOX BACK IN THE CUBBY IT CAME FROM WHEN TAKING IT OFF THE CART!** There will be lists on the side of each cart with students name and hat box #. Names will also be on the inside of each cubby.

## **After a performance in the rain...This is super important!!**

- \*\*\*Pants & Jackets - do not place inside garment bags until dried.
- \*\*\*Hats - Wipe dry and place top side up. **NEVER** place the hat upside down!
- \*\*\*Gloves - **DO NOT FOLD** or **WAD** up!!!! Leave them separated and lay them out inside box
- \*\*\*Gauntlets - **DO NOT VELCRO TOGETHER!!!** Lay separately inside the box as best as you can.
- \*\*\***Boxes - Take the red lid and place it underneath the white box. This will allow air to dry items. Be careful not to break the tabs when removing the red lid.**
- \*\*\*Moisture packets- There is one in each hat box. **LEAVE IT INSIDE. DO NOT THROW AWAY!**