



UNIFORM CARE GUIDE

PROPER CARE IS IMPERATIVE. ** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! ***

LAUNDERING

It is suggested to have a committee that takes care of garments. Divide the garments for washing among several parents who will use **the same washing procedure** to insure correct care.

Jackets and Bib Pants: It is **not** necessary to wash uniforms before wearing them.

Always wash whites with whites and darks with dark colors.

Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together! Never wash in hot water!

Jackets and bib pants are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine. Machine wash and dry on the gentle / knit cycle, but **do not overload machines. Launder 4 to 6 pieces at a time.**

Caution: Do NOT use a hot dryer setting! A hot dryer setting will remove the press. Use a cool setting. When dried on a cool setting, uniforms will require very little touch up. **Remove them from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately. Touch up pressing on extended shoulders and collars should be done after each wash.** Touch up pressing on pants may be desired occasionally, or the **pants** may be professionally pressed after several washings and drying.

Be sure to dry garments completely before storing. Do not use liquid fabric softener on Cesario band uniforms! If a softener sheet is

required, use only one (1) sheet per dry load (see drying directions below.)

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)** 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 migrate.

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 itself has both the hook (hard side) and loop (soft side) of Velcro, **hook pieces together evenly so the hook side is not exposed.**

Extended Shoulders (Wings) and Collars:

If jackets have extended shoulders or wings, fold them back onto the shoulder during washing and drying. Also do this when transporting uniforms. Folding allows them to hold their shape much better. **Steam pressing shoulders and collars is required to retain their proper shape and appearance due to heat bonded interfacings.**

Baldrics and Gauntlets: Most baldrics and gauntlets are made from specialty or **unique fabrics** (i.e. sequin, luster chrome, luster brass, etc.). These **must be hand-washed** in cool water then towel dried to remove excess water. They should lie flat to dry. Wash sequin as little as possible and **always** wash in **cold** water.

If baldrics or gauntlets are all poly gabardine, they 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. **Make sure to hook the Velcro closure together when laundering in a machine to avoid picking of fabric.**