

# GENERAL CARE OF THE “BAND OF GOLD” UNIFORM

## COAT AND BIBBERS:

- After each wearing, allow coat (with wings out) and pants to air dry completely before hanging in closet. Mildew will ruin the uniform. Make sure the gauntlets are dry.
- Store the uniform on the plastic, form-fitting hanger that was issued with your uniform.
- Never store the uniform in the garment bag.
- Do not store the garment with a stain as time tends to set stains. Take your uniform to be dry cleaned and point out any soiled areas to the dry cleaner.

## HATS:

- After each wearing, allow sweatband to dry completely before storing in the hat box. Moisture will cause mildew and deterioration.

## SHOES:

- Use a paste shoe polish to provide a light gloss. This will also help to make the shoes water resistant.
- A damp cloth can be used to clean dust, dried mud, etc. off of polished shoes.

## OTHER:

- Take your raincoat, tote, and garment bag to all games and competitions. If your raincoat isn't needed, the Director will inform you.
- Transport your hat in the hat box. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Transport your uniform in your garment bag, on the form-fitting hanger that was issued with your uniform.
- Do not put food, drinks, or any other personal items in your tote, garment bag, or hat box. Bring your own carry-on for these items.
- Do not put shoes in the garment bag. You may carry your uniform shoes in your tote bag if they will fit.
- Do not use the tote as a suitcase. It is for your hat, hat box, and raincoat.
- Treat all items with care. If an item is lost, damaged, or destroyed, you will have to pay for it.

# DIRECTIONS FOR CLEANING THE “BAND OF GOLD” UNIFORM

## COAT AND BIBBERS:

- Remove the collar liner, cape, and baldric (sequins). Allow any spots of mud to dry, then gently brush as much mud off as possible. Take the coat and bibbers to a **professional dry-cleaner**.
- Hand wash the collar liner.
- **Do not** tumble dry or heat a wet uniform in any manner.

## **DO NOT MACHINE WASH THE UNIFORM** **DO NOT USE HOME DRY-CLEANING PRODUCTS**

## SEQUINS:

- Wet sequins may be towel blotted or air dried with NO HEAT.

## HATS:

- Allow spots of mud to dry, then brush off. A mild detergent and cool water may be used to clean the hat.

## SHOES:

- The manufacturer of the Dinkles band shoes recommends using soap and water or a diluted leather cleaner to clean the shoes. **DO NOT MACHINE WASH THE DINKLES BAND SHOES!**

## TOTE AND GARMENT BAG:

- Wipe vinyl tote and garment bag with a damp cloth and mild detergent as needed.

## RAINCOATS:

- Machine wash the raincoat in warm water on the delicate cycle. Use only non-chlorine bleach and detergent. Line dry. **DO NOT DRY CLEAN THE RAINCOAT!!**