

DUBLIN COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND CROSSBELT UNIFORM HEMMING AND CARE

1. DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL FROM THE UNIFORMS. DO NOT USE ADHESIVE WEBBING ("STITCH WITCHERY") WHEN HEMMING THE PANTS.
2. With band shoes on, the pants should be hemmed 3" above the floor. Any shorter than 3" causes wear and tear on the folds of the fabric. Also, pants will become wet and soggy in wet weather if hems are too close to the floor.
3. It is best to turn up a single layer of fabric. If a hem is still in the pants, un-hem and re-hem the pants. Do not try to hem on top of a previous hem.
4. If you have a large hem in the pants (greater than 4" to achieve the 3" from the floor length), you may find that the width of the bottom edge of the pant leg is not as wide as the area you are stitching to (the knee or thigh area). You may carefully open the inside leg seam by removing stitches up to an inch (reinforce the seam at the top of the openings so that the stitching does not continue to break open). **Do not open the outside seam by the white stripe. Do not cut any material from the pant legs.**
5. Pants should not be altered other than the hem. All pants are worn with suspenders (therefore a large waist is not a problem). A large waist leaves room for additional clothing during the winter. Suspender buttons can be replaced with any flat 5/8" white button.
6. Jacket sleeves should be at the wrist bone when the instrument is in the playing position. It is best to turn up a single layer of fabric. Do not alter the body of the jacket in any way.
7. If the uniform is damaged because of improper or unusual wear, hemming or repair, you will be assessed a damage fee at the end of the season.
8. It is recommended that you dry clean the uniform several times during the season. Dublin Cleaners does this for a nominal fee. They are our preferred uniform cleaners. Other cleaners may use harsher chemicals that may destroy the fabric.
9. If uniforms get wet during a game, remove them from the garment bag and hang dry. Mud will often brush off once dry. If mud does not come off, a trip to the cleaners is in order. Band members will take their uniforms to school on Friday mornings and hang in the band room. Uniform inspections will be held several times during the season for a grade.

Cleaning of the Cross Belts and Citation Cords

1. Remove buckles before washing. Wash sparingly as the cross belts and citation cords tend to shrink. Air dry.
2. Soak in non-chlorine bleach detergent (like Clorox 2). If there are difficult stains, use an old toothbrush.
3. Put in washer on delicate cycle and wash in cold water.
4. Questions can be directed to Amy Penn (614-506-3487, apenn9876@columbus.rr.com) or Jocelyn Alford (659-0736, jalford1@columbus.rr.com).