



## **Marching Uniform/Concert Jacket – Fitting, Care & Suggestions**

### **General Care**

Proper care maintains the life of the uniform as these are yours to use during your time with the Red Deer Royals but will be passed on to other members when you require a new size or leave the band.

- All items must be dry cleaned on a regular basis, and **always be** performance ready.
- Hanging them up properly after each use helps to reduce wrinkles and folds.
- Please use the good wooden hanger provided for your marching jacket/pants.
- Do not eat or drink (other than water) in your Concert Jacket or Marching Uniforms.
- Use a press cloth or turn down the temperature of your iron before pressing uniforms to prevent scorching.
- Please keep an eye on snaps/buttons and zippers. They fall off, break and sometimes just don't work. There are replacements for the buttons/snaps, but it is great to catch them before it comes to that. If zippers need to be replaced, please let me know. If it seems rough and hard to zip, you may need to run some wax along the teeth to loosen it up.

**Members must wear shorts under their bibbers and a black crew neck t-shirt under their tunic. This allows for changing in public situations. We do not always have access to change rooms.**

### **Marching Pants – Length**

**\*\*\*You must have your Super Drillmasters on to get the correct length.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*If you wear a harness, have your harness and instrument on before you measure.\*\*\***

### **Measuring:**

Standing in your “play position” the pants should come to approximately the second lace holes (counting from the toe) on the front of your shoes and just over the drop down piece on the heel (where the rubber. The goal is to have them short enough so they do not buckle at the front, but long enough for them to look good overall. Your hem will probably be at a slight angle with the back of the pants slightly longer than the front.



If you have any concerns over the length, then please talk to me and we will set a time to get together and take a look.

- **Please do not trim any length off of the pants. If you cut the pants, you will be charged for the replacement costs.**
- Please do not use any fusible items to hem the pants. THE GLUE DOES NOT COME OFF! You will be charged for replacement pants.
- Please do not double and triple fold the hem, as it affects how they hang and look. There is usually lots of length to fold up and there is a couple of ways that you may deal with the length and the fact that what you are folding up is narrower than the leg. If you have more than 4 inches to hem up, please contact the uniform coordinator at [uniforms@reddeerroyals.com](mailto:uniforms@reddeerroyals.com) to see if we have a shorter pair in stock.

**Option 1** – fold up the amount needed to be hemmed matching the side seams hand sew along the bias tape out from the side seams to the point before the fold where the amount being turned up fits evenly along the pant leg, and end there. This will mean that the turned up area close to the fold will not be attached to the pant leg, which will allow the pant to hang correctly, without any puckering. However, the member must be careful when pulling them on so as not to catch their toes in the gap created between the part turned up and the pant leg at the fold.

**Option 2** – you may split the inside seam to open up the pant leg. **However, if you cut the Bias tape on the one side, then you will need to replace that tape before you return the pants.** The split must be re-sewn before returning the uniform.

### **Concert/Marching Jackets – Sleeve Length**

- The sleeve should fall to between the first and second knuckle on your thumb, when your arm is hanging straight down.
- Variations in sleeve length may be appropriate, depending upon the instrument being played - check with your section leader.
- Concert jackets have a snap up sleeve length adjustment. Please snap them up to the proper place and use a warm iron with a press cloth to make a nice crease.

## **Colour Guard Parade Uniform**

- The pant should fall between the top of the rubber on the heel and the bottom of the stitching for the heel cuff while in parade shoes.
- The pants are to be hand stitched with a blind hem. THE PANTS MUST NOT BE CUT or you will be responsible for the replacement cost.
- Colour guard parade uniforms are to be cold water hand-washed with gentle detergent and hung to dry.
- Care instructions for show uniforms will be given each year as they change from year to year.

## **Words of Wisdom**

- Write your name on a piece of masking tape and place on existing tags on your garment/hat bags, concert/marching jacket, pants, & shako (hat). When you have them cleaned check to make sure that information is still present. That way if something is left behind (believe me it does happen) it is easy to identify.
- **Always travel with extra black socks** in the pocket of your garment bag, as that way you always have them. You must have them to perform. The leg of the sock must come high enough on the leg that non one the leg shows when the member is seated for performance.
- After a concert, always return your bow tie to your Concert Jacket pocket, so that it is there when you need it for the next performance.
- Carry a small container in your garment bag to place such as earrings, bracelets, etc.
- If applicable, carry extra elastics, bobby pins, and hair nets with you. A great place to store a hair net is in your Shako.
- Store your gloves in your Shako bag.
- Keep all of your items together where ever you are, as 100+ members and their stuff gets easily mixed up.

## **Uniform Returns**

- All hems must be let down and side seams re-sewn (if split) before the items are dry-cleaned.
- All items must be dry-cleaned and in good repair.
- Deductions from your uniform deposit or charges for replacement or repair of uniform pieces will be incurred for damaged items.
- You will be given a uniform return sheet when it is time to return your uniforms.