

# Uniform Washing Instructions

## Follow the instructions on the care label, and read on for additional tips!

### **The FIRST WASH is the most important!**

- Do not exceed temperatures recommended on the care label.
- Warm water is recommended for the 1st wash and then cold water for all subsequent washes.
- Each garment should be washed separately (i.e. wash shell by itself, then skirt, etc.)
- Use a mild detergent, **without** fabric softener. Tide is recommended. Do not use bleach.

If the initial washing instructions are not followed, the colors may bleed onto one another. If this happens, wash the garment AGAIN (before drying), following the instructions above.



### **ALWAYS remove the garment promptly from the washer once the cycle is completed.**

- Leaving the garment in the washer for prolonged periods of time can cause the fabrics to bleed and/or leave unsightly wrinkles in the garment.



### **DO NOT machine dry the uniform.**

- Once the uniform has been washed, immediately hang it up to dry.



### **DO NOT dry clean the uniform.**

- Dry cleaning can yellow the uniform or leave an unsightly sheen. Dry cleaning also causes tackle twill lettering to fade, bubble, or stiffen.



### **Never use fabric softener or stain removers.**

- Fabric softeners block the soil release properties (Visa treatment) and can cause dirt and stains to resist removal. If a fabric softener is used, follow the original washing instructions. The Specialty Fabric will fade more rapidly when using Fabric Softener.
- Do not use a stain remover. Stain removers may lock the stain into the garment.

### **Instructions for Uniforms w/ METALLIC, SPECIALTY FABRICS, & RHINESTONES!**

Specialty fabrics are more delicate due to their unique fabric content and may experience color transfer if proper care instructions are not followed. These fabrics may have a higher potential to fade or rub off with normal wear and tear, especially in high contact areas.

**Avoid contact with aerosols (hairspray, deodorant), Glitter & Lotions.**

**TIP!** Washing and drying the garment BEFORE wearing can help prevent color bleeding due to perspiration.