

BELLE UNIFORM CLEANING GUIDELINES

Shirt, Skirt, Bloomers, & Scarf:

Wash all items with like colors (wash the blue items and the white top separately) using Eucalan laundry wash (available at Petticoat Affair). Eucalan is a lanolin based (vs chemical based), no rinse delicate wash. This will also protect the elasticity in the material.

Additional specifics for the shirt:

- Wash by hand or use machine soak/spin cycle
- Turn the shirt inside out to protect the sequins
- Lingerie bag recommended if using a machine soak/spin
- Use 1 tsp of Eucalan
- Soak for 15 minutes by hand or 30 minutes in machine... no rinse necessary
- Use low spin or carefully roll in a towel to remove excess water
- Hang or lay flat to drydo not use a metal hanger, do not put it in a dryer

****Shirt and skirt should ALWAYS be on a hanger. Please steam or iron shirts and skirts on low heat as needed to eliminate wrinkles.****

Boots:

Use a damp paper towel and a little Comet cleaner to remove all dirt and debris as soon as possible after each performance. Please clean the bottoms of the boots as well as the leather portion. Use white shoe polish on the leather for a perfect finish.

Gauntlets, Belts, Belt Strings, & Hat Strings:

These items should be cleaned as needed using a damp paper towel and a little Comet cleaner. For tougher stains (lipstick on hatstrings!), a little non-colored nail polish remover on a cotton ball works best.

Hats:

Our hats are delicate and can lose shape easily if not stored properly. Hats should always be stored in the plastic bag and in the hatbox. No Exceptions. Hatboxes need to be stored flat, not on the side. This helps the hats keep their shape. Excessive heat is not good for the hats - do not leave hatboxes in the car before or after games. Belles should exercise extreme caution when handling their hats. Make-up and food stains are very hard to remove. In the event of a serious stain, please consult with the directors for proper care.

Clothing Shields:

Clothing shields are to be worn with the uniform at all times to prevent armpit staining. These are one use, very thin pads that are applied by adhesive to the underarms of the sleeves. They can be trimmed to fit, if necessary.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP KEEPING OUR UNIFORMS & BELLES LOOKING THEIR BEST AT ALL TIMES!!