

# PRIDE OF THE SOUTHLAND

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



## UNIFORM HANDBOOK

When representing the band during a public appearance, marching band members will wear one of two uniforms: the full uniform or the travel/warm-up uniform.

In accepting the privilege of wearing the Pride of the Southland Band uniform, each student understands that the uniform represents the integrity, excellence, and tradition of the UT Band Program. The uniform in its parts or entirety may only be worn when dictated by the Director of Bands. Any public display (photograph, video, electronic or digital media, etc.) or electronic posting of this uniform is forbidden without the written permission of the Director of Bands. Non-members are forbidden from wearing any part of the uniform, including t-shirts and warm-up gear. Uniform inspections will be conducted before all public appearances.

All band members are expected to adhere to all the following rules and expectations regarding uniforms and appearance. Noncompliance to the established expectations can result in an infraction, an assigned work duty, removal from the game/event, and/or failure of the course (see attendance policy for details on missed games/events).

The following rules apply when wearing either the full uniform or the travel/warm-up uniform:

- Hair must be a neutral color (no non-natural or extreme hair colors).
- Faces must be clean-shaven. This includes stubble and "five o'clock shadows".
- Hair-ties, headbands, and bobby pins must be black.
- Sports bras must be a neutral color (white, black, gray, brown, skin-toned).
- No nail polish.
- No makeup or face paint may be worn.
- No jewelry of any kind, including watches. If you cannot remove piercings, they must be covered with a skin tone-colored bandage.
- No sunglasses, transition lenses, or other light-sensitive glasses.
- All visible tattoos must be covered with skin tone-colored bandages.
- No smoking, vaping, or use of any substances while in uniform.
- Towels, rags or other paraphernalia may not be attached to the uniform or instrument.
- Ear-warmers may be worn in cold weather. Ear-warmers should be black and no logo or tags should be visible (you can purchase ear-warmers in the uniform office).

### Full Uniform

Full uniform will be worn in most game-day settings and other full-band public appearances. *The uniform must be worn in its entirety and no band member must ever be publicly seen in partial uniform.* This includes when using the bathroom, around the music building, and in pictures/videos. In its entirety, the full uniform consists of the following items:

#### Plume

- Plume must be kept in good condition (clean, unstained, and with stray feathers plucked out).
- Plumes should be kept in a cardboard storage tube while not in use to maintain shape.
- Plume must be always attached to shako, unless directed otherwise by a director.

#### Shako

- Shakos must sit at eyebrow-level; you should be able to fit two fingers between the brim of the hat and the bridge of your nose.
- The chinstrap must always sit securely under your chin.

#### White Nike Pride of the Southland t-shirt

- The T-shirt must always be worn under the uniform.

#### Jacket

- Jackets MUST be buttoned to the correct length. No safety pins!
  - o See "Uniform Repairs and Alterations" section for more details.
- Jackets must be steamed before public appearances. No wrinkles can be visible.
- Jackets must be fully buttoned. An unbuttoned overlay is in "partial uniform".
- Flip folders must hang off the side straps of the jacket, white folder on the right side and orange folder on the left side.

#### White gloves

- Gloves must be clean and white. No stains or discolored gloves are permitted.
- When gloves are taken off during an event, they must be folded neatly and tucked under the left shoulder flap, fingers facing down.

#### Cords (x2)

- Cords are worn on each shoulder with the UT logo facing up and out. To secure cord to uniform, thread the button on the shoulder of the jacket through the hole in the shoulder of the overlay. Then, thread the loop on the top of the cord through the flap on the shoulder of the jacket. Secure the flap to the button on the shoulder. Place your arm through the braided loop at the bottom of the cord. Repeat on the other side.

#### Black Nike shorts

- Shorts must always be worn under the uniform pants.

#### Pants

- Pants MUST be buttoned to the correct length. No safety pins!
  - o See "Uniform Repairs and Alterations" section for more details.

#### Long black socks

#### White spats

- Spats are to be worn with the buttons facing out.
- Spats must be clean and free of scuff marks. The elastic band on the spats must be intact. Damaged spats must be replaced. \*Scuff marks can be removed with a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser.

#### Black Viper marching shoes

- Shoes must be kept clean and laces tied.

The following additional rules apply when wearing the full uniform:

- Hair and hair “wispsies” should be pinned up in the shako. No hair should be touching the collar of the jacket. . Sideburns must not grow past the ears.
- Band-issued baseball caps may be worn in gameday settings when dictated by the directors. All members must wear consistent headgear with the rest of the band.

When not in use, uniforms must be stored on a provided black plastic hanger and in the provided Pride of the Southland garment bag. Garment bag must be zipped up while in transit. Pants must be folded like dress pants (along creases in the front of the pants with the orange and white stripes facing out). Jacket and overlay must be hung on the hanger with the curve of the hanger along the back of the jacket.

## **Travel/Warm-Up Uniform**

The travel/warm-up uniform is worn during Saturday morning rehearsals before games as well as during travel to away games or other events. In its entirety, the travel/warm-up uniform consists of the following items:

White Nike Pride of the Southland t-shirt

- T-shirt must always be worn under the jacket.

Black Nike shorts

- Shorts must always be worn under pants.

Black warm-up jacket

Black warm-up pants

Short black socks

Black Viper marching shoes OR tennis shoes

- Type of shoes will be specified ahead of appearance in travel/warm-up uniform.

## **Uniform Check-Out/Check-In**

When picking up uniforms during band camp or after dry cleaning, uniforms must be picked up by the member who the uniform belongs to. No one may pick up a uniform on someone else's behalf.

When picking up uniforms during band camp, all members must fill out a uniform contract. Members must write down the numbers of each part of the uniform (typically a three- or four-digit number) on their contract. These numbers are sewn into the uniform on fabric tags. The uniform part numbers are NOT the same as your garment bag number. Uniform contracts must be signed and turned into the uniform room.

Uniforms must be turned into the uniform room at the conclusion of the season. Failure to turn in all uniform parts will result in a late fee and potential replacement costs.

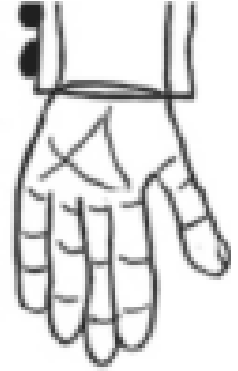
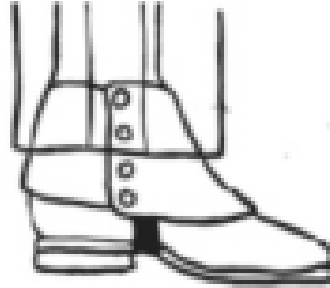
## Uniform Repairs and Alterations

Uniform repairs can be requested through the uniform room. Uniform workers can fix missing buttons, fabric tears, patches, broken zippers, and other minor issues at no cost. Repair or replacement fees may apply for major repairs or loss of uniform parts.

Alterations are not done through the uniform room. Alterations may be done through a third party, such as Prestige Cleaners. Hemming of the jacket sleeves and/or pants legs is the only approved alteration. All other alterations are forbidden.

\*\*\*\*When buttoning the uniform:

- The pant legs must fall between the second and third buttons of the spats.
- The jacket sleeves must touch the bottom of the palm (where the wrist becomes the hand) when the arm is fully extended and relaxed.
- You may not cut any part of the uniform.
- See diagram for correct lengths



## Purchasing Uniform Parts

Additional and replacement uniform pieces can be bought through the uniform room. One white Pride of the Southland t-shirt is given to each member at the beginning of the season. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$15.00. Additional gloves, spats, suspenders, and plumes can be bought throughout the season. Ear-warmers can be purchased if requested.

## Dry Cleaning

Uniforms are regularly dry cleaned by Prestige Cleaners. Official announcements will be made regarding when your uniform must be turned in for cleaning. Failure to turn in the uniform at the announced date and will result in the member taking the responsibility of having it dry-cleaned at Prestidge. The receipt should be turned in to the uniform workers to be cleared before wear.

## Contact

For additional information, contact the uniform workers:

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