

# Do's & Don'ts Of Fabric Care

## Do's

### **Laundry and Care**

Even though all Sports Belle, Inc. fabrics meet a 2A Wash Test (This test provides for the best color fastness), you should use extreme caution when washing and drying all athletic uniforms.

#### **1) Wash Test / New Uniforms**

Wash one uniform one/bottom "inside out" - if results are acceptable, proceed to wash complete set of uniforms.

#### **2) Pre Soak**

A) If not possible to launder uniforms game/practice immediately after wearing or for heavily soiled stains, keep uniform in a container of water and pre-soaking agents (BIZ-WISK) for a period not to exceed four hours until washing is possible.

B) If pre-soak procedure is not possible, keep garments separated by colors in ventilated bags or containers, or on hangers in a dry temperature not to exceed 70 degrees F as perspiration / moisture may cause color separation of acid dyes.

#### **3) Washing**

A) Do not wash whites and colors together. Wash all garments in warm water 100 degrees F. Rinse temperature should be the same as wash. Wash with mild detergent with pH level of 8.7 or under, we recommend ULTRA-TIDE, TIDE, TIDE-LIQUID, AND CHEER w/color guard - all of these have 6.2 - 8.7 phosphorous rating.

#### **4) Drying**

A) Hang dry when possible, if not tumble dry low setting 100 degrees F maximum 15 minutes using permanent press cycle setting - remove promptly to complete drying cycle and prevent wrinkling.

#### **5) Testing**

If possible, always save one garment (Do Not wear or wash) - in case testing needs to be done at factory.

#### **6) Washing / Printed Garments**

When washing athletic jerseys/shorts with print, wash inside out for best results. This will prevent abuse to the vinyl plastisol lettering.

## Don't

**1) DO NOT DRY CLEAN** any athletic uniforms

**2) Do not leave unattended wet garments** for any period of time as color separation (bleeding will occur)

**3) Do not wash garments with contrast color items, belts, T-shirts, towels, or colored undergarments.**

**4) Do not wash complete set of uniforms until a wash test of one complete uniform has been performed.**

#### **5) Washing Detergents**

Sports Belle, Inc. does not recommend the use of such items as Fresh Start, Am Way, Clorox with Bleach, any type of fabric softer/or soap pellets on athletic uniforms with acid dyes. **Fabric softer will cause printed cloth patterns to separate from material.**

#### **6) Bleach**

Do not use chlorine bleach as the chance of color separation and the weakening of some material is increased.

#### **7) Drying**

Do not dry in temperatures to exceed 100 degrees F as excessive heat will cause discoloration, shrinkage of garment, peeling of fabric, and cracking of vinyl plastisol lettering. If our specified laundry care / drying instructions (garments, catalogs, flyers) are not adhered to, the limited assurance will be at discretion of Sports Belle, Inc.

**8) Do not pour sodium additives on athletic uniforms as discoloring / stains are, in most cases, permanent.**

## Disclaimer

Sports Belle, Inc. does not actively nor openly endorse, nor condemn any said products mentioned in the above instructions. However, when using the above-mentioned products in accordance with our wash care instructions, we obtained the best results.