

# East Noble Marching Knights

## Uniform Guidelines

**Purpose of Uniforms:** The purpose of a uniform is to create a UNIFIED and CONSISTENT look throughout our ensemble – so to not pick out any individual from a crowd. It is NOT meant to stifle creativity or individuality, however we are an ARTISTIC PERFORMING GROUP, and as such we are CHARACTERS in a production. Therefore we must adhere to what the character description mandates.

### Components of a standard Marching Knights Uniform

#### Provided by East Noble

- Jacket
- Baldric
- Skirt and Drop
- One pair of gauntlets
- Bibbers (pants)
- Shako (hat)
- Ploom

#### Provided by the performer

- Clean, long black socks
- Athletic fitting shorts (preferably some sort of short with spandex)
- Athletic shirt (Blue shirt for football games, show shirt for competitions)
- Gloves (purchased by student)
- Marching shoes (purchased by student)

#### Items not allowed under a uniform

- Baggy shorts (including basketball shorts that are too big)
- Pants or jeans
- Short socks
- Unassigned t-shirts or sweatshirts
- Cutoff shirt

#### Uniform Care

1. All jackets should be hung like a suit jacket
  - a. The jacket, baldric, and skirt should never touch the ground.
2. Baldrics and skirts should remain attached to the uniform at all times. Should they need to be removed – a parent or director will do so.

3. Pants should be hung like suit pants – matching the pleats at the ankle first.
  - a. Pants should touch the ground as little as possible when on
4. Gauntlets are given to a student at each performance. It is the student's responsibility to return the EXACT pair that was assigned to them.
5. Plooms are given to a student at each performance.
  - a. Always remove the ploom by grabbing the metal insert and PULLING
  - b. Return the ploom by inserting the metal piece FIRST, then PULL the metal insert down until all feathers are inside the tube.
  - c. Do your best not to touch the feathers
6. Any lost items will be replaced at the cost of the student.
7. Any uniform components damaged by the student due to horse play, lack of proper care, not following instructions, etc. will be replaced at full cost by the student.
8. Report any damage of a uniform immediately to a parent or director.
9. Students should report any stains to the uniform to a parent or director immediately.

### **When in uniform**

You are no longer a single individual, but a part of a much larger group. Therefore the expectations of how you look and behave must be uniform as well.

1. The LOOK
  - a. All earrings or body piercings should be removed. If a piercing is new and cannot be removed, a flesh colored Band-Aid must be covering the piercing at all times
  - b. No visible tattoos
  - c. No hair should be seen from under the shako.
2. Your complete uniform should be on at all times.
  - a. Exceptions may be made by the director but only the director will make this exception and the entire group will be notified via drum major and announcement.
3. Shakos are to be held in the left hand with the pinky and thumb tucked underneath the brim of the shako (three fingers showing). The shako should rest on the forearm and always point forward.
4. When in uniform, you are in the character of an East Noble Marching Knight
  - a. Social conversations should not occur when in our rotation.
  - b. A serious tone should always be present
  - c. Foul language is never acceptable.
  - d. No PDA while in uniform
5. Absolutely no food or drink when in uniform
  - a. Water is the only complete exception
  - b. During 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter breaks only, students may eat NON-STAINING items.
    - i. Ketchup, Mustard, liquid cheese, etc is strictly prohibited
  - c. During 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter breaks only, students may drink CLEAR LIQUIDS

#### **A note regarding the pockets inside the bibbers:**

At competition performances the only item allowed in the pocket is an inhaler or EpiPen. All directors must be aware of these items. At football performances money and cellphones are allowed in the pockets, however if it can be seen through the uniform, it will not be allowed.

**The Bottom Line is this: You are a professional performer...you must play the part!**