

# MARCHING 97 UNIFORM & INSTRUMENT POLICY - 2016 SEASON

Your uniform and instrument are the property of the Marching 97. You are responsible for their welfare as long as they are designated as yours, and you will be held accountable for any damage done to them past normal wear and tear when returned at the end of the season.

All fines must be paid by the game before Lehigh- Lafayette for the band member to be allowed to march in the Lehigh-Lafayette performance. Failure to pay fines will result in an Incomplete for the class or your suspension from the Marching 97.

## Uniform Guidelines

If your uniform fails to fit properly or there is any damage, notify the Uniform Manager, hereby referred to as "Suits," immediately. Small damages will not be fined if brought to the attention of Suits, but he/she reserves the right to fine you if the damage is excessive.

Examples of fines for damaged uniforms:

- Holes in the bottom of your pants from not being properly snapped/pinned up: \$20
- Stains on your jacket/pants: \$15
- Excessively dirty berets, shakos, etc.: \$6

Suits reserves the right to perform a uniform inspection at any time. If a uniform is damaged, Suits determines whether the band member owes a fine. The examples above are just that – examples. You may be fined for damages not listed above at Suits' discretion.

A full uniform is defined as:

- Marching 97 White T-shirt
- White Socks, Shoes, & Gloves
- Bird
- Cape
- Shako & Beret or yellow Beanie
- Uniform Jacket & Pants

The full uniform for rainy/bad weather days is defined as:

- Marching 97 Brown T-shirt
- Blue jeans
- Dink
- Brown Lehigh University Sweatshirt/Jacket

A full uniform is expected to be worn at all times, except when specified by Suits, while at official performances, as outlined in the Attendance Policy. This includes in the stands, where ~~it is~~ band members are required to wear their beret/beanie (as decided by Suits the morning of the game). Anyone found not wearing their full uniform will be marked as tardy for the performance at the discretion of Suits and Staff Assistant.

Proper care for the uniform: It is to be stored in its uniform bag to avoid damage, with the jacket and pants being properly hung up, as demonstrated by Suits when he/she assigns your uniform. If the uniform is wet, it must be hung up outside of its uniform bag to dry properly. Once dry, it should be stored away as described above.

After all performances, your uniform should be stored, hung on hangers, in its respective cubby inside the cage. Any uniforms found not in their cubbies, hanging up, will be confiscated and will be returned to their owners after a \$3 fine is paid.

### Instrument Guidelines

You are assigned an instrument with an identifying number (e.g. TP03 or PC35). You, and only you, are permitted to use your assigned instrument. This applies to all Marching 97 events including, but not limited to practices, games, and flames. If you need to use an instrument, for any events besides practices, home games, and the official away flame, the instruments event sign out sheet must be filled out, and must include your name and the identification of the instrument you are using. Any misuse of the instrument in this fashion will be marked as tardy at the discretion of the Equipment Manager, hereby referred to as “Toots,” and Staff Assistant.

It is expected that you take proper care of your instrument, as outlined for your particular instrument by your Rank Leader. After the first instance of mistreatment of your instrument, you will receive a warning from Toots. Any instance of mistreatment after this will result in a \$5 fine at the discretion of Toots.

If there is any damage to your instrument, notify Toots immediately. Small damages will not be fined if brought to the attention of Toots, but he/she reserves the right to fine you if the damage is excessive. Fines will be determined by Toots on a case-by-case basis.

Your instrument is to be kept in the loft at all times, unless given permission to remove it by Toots. While not in use, your instrument must be kept in its case in its designated cabinet with the case securely closed. Any instruments not found in this condition will be confiscated and will be returned to their owners after a \$3 fine is paid.

I agree to abide by the 2016 Marching 97 Uniform and Instrument Policy.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_