

MARCHING 97 UNIFORM & INSTRUMENT POLICY: 2019 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 they reserve 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 (Plume)

Cape

Shako & Beret or yellow Beanie

Uniform Jacket & Pants

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

Standard uniform with raincoat (if applicable)

OR

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 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 outside its uniform bag to avoid damage, with the jacket and pants being properly hung up, as demonstrated by Suits when they assign your uniform. If the uniform is wet, notify Suits. and hang it 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.

Equipment Guidelines

An individual who loses or damages Marching 97 property is responsible for its material or monetary replacement.

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.

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 the Instrument Manager, hereby referred to as 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 Toots must be notified immediately. Reasonable wear and tear will not be fined if brought to the attention of Toots. Toots may issue fines or require band members to cover repair costs if instruments are damaged on purpose or by negligent behavior on behalf of the band member. Fine amounts will be determined by Toots on a case-by-case basis.

Some instruments require consumable materials (For example: reeds, valve oil, pads, etc.) which will be provided free of charge by the Marching 97 for use at during football season and at other Marching 97 events. Toots may charge band members for excessive consumption of these materials.

Your 97 issued instrument is to be kept in the loft at all times, unless given permission to remove it by Toots. If you need to use an instrument for any events besides practices, home games, and the official away flame you must notify and get permission from Toots beforehand. 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.

You are able to use a personal instrument rather than use a 97 issued one. You are responsible for your instrument's maintenance if you choose to use your own. Toots, however, may assist with minor repairs at their discretion. Additionally, secured storage of your personal instrument in the loft is dependent on Toots' discretion. In the event of inclement weather, you are expected to abide by Toots' decision to continue playing, or to put your instrument inside. Finally, to switch from using a personal instrument to a 97 issued one, you must notify Toots who can either approve or deny your request depending on instrument availability.

Music Guidelines

Each band member is assigned and responsible for a music folder with their name on it and hard plastic flip folder. Fines will not be issued due to reasonable wear and tear. If a folder and/or music is lost or damaged purposefully or due to negligence, the Librarian or Toots may issue fines for a replacement or other consequences.

I agree to abide by the 2019 Marching 97 Uniform and Instrument Policy.

Sign: _____ Date: _____