

Uniforms

The 2017 Rounder Season Band Uniform Guidelines (It's our 35th Anniversary, peeps — we have to look good!)

As individuals, we are free to wear most anything we choose and to add any sort of “bling” we like. We can mix colors, wear crazy hats, decorate our shoes with funny colored laces Pretty much whatever we like.

As a member of our marching BAND, however, individuality must take a back seat to UNIFORMITY. ALL band members must, by design, wear the exact same uniform components. The purpose is NOT to stand out but to blend in with all the other members. It is in this spirit that these uniform rules are shared.

Hats:

The official Rounders hat is dark navy blue and must be worn by band members for every performance. Hats are to be worn straight on the head so the brim is facing forward and not upward. Older hats, those that have lost their rich navy color or have visible marks from perspiration will need to be replaced. New hats are available at all rehearsals.

Shirts:

Please examine your shirt completely for any signs of wear or material fatigue. Be sure to buy or replace any shirts early in the season to ensure availability of YOUR particular size if your current shirt is not up to par. ALL band member shirts are to be worn tucked in. During performances where it is colder, band members may wear a **plain, white long sleeved tee shirt** underneath their official uniform shirt. IMPORTANT! Do NOT iron your shirt! Simply wash in gentle cycle and hang dry! Wrinkles should “fall out” with this approach!

Official Rounders Pin:

The band's official pin is **optional** for band members but ... if it IS worn, it should be on the right-side collar of the shirt to be acceptable. No other pin collected over the years may be worn during performance. Pins should NOT be worn on hats or any other part of the uniform for performance. If a special pin is designated for a particular performance (i.e. Calgary, St. Patty's Day, etc), it is optional AND it may be worn on the LEFT side collar of the band shirt ONLY. .

Band Fanny Packs:

Fanny Packs are optional. However, the official Rounders navy blue fanny pack will be the **ONLY ONE** which will be considered acceptable to wear should you choose to wear one. NO other navy blue fanny pack will be accepted so please choose one of these two options: the official Rounders navy blue fanny pack or NO fanny pack.

Slacks:

The official Rounders pants are to be dark navy Dockers style slacks and **must match the color** of the official Rounders hat. Black slacks, slacks that have faded sufficiently as to not match the NEW Rounders hat, or jeans of any type are not acceptable. (Please do NOT match new slacks color to an old, faded or washed hat!) If you have any questions or concerns about this very important component of our uniform, please talk with me early in the season so we can get it worked out and everyone can be in compliance.



Belt:

Wearing a belt with your uniform is optional. However, if you wear one, **it must be plain black**. Brown, grey, or any other color belts are not acceptable. In addition, we would also ask members to avoid belts with overbearing buckles that would “stand out” as being unique. Remember that our goal is to be and look “uniform.”



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Shoes:

Our band shoes are one of the most easily “noticed” components of our uniform and so extra care needs to be taken to ensure compliance and uniformity. All band members are required to wear ALL WHITE sneakers with white shoelaces. Over the years, members have “stretched” the boundaries wearing white shoes with assorted colored markings. See picture #1 and #2 below for examples. These are NOT acceptable for performance. Even if the “accent” or “markings” on the sneakers are a Rounder color (navy blue, red), they are NOT acceptable. We understand that finding all white sneakers can be a challenge; in light of this, band members may wear white sneakers with light grey trim. (As shown in picture #3) Sneakers are to be clean and **WHITE**. Dirty or worn out sneakers are NOT acceptable. Please pay close attention to the shoe sole color as well. Your sneakers should look like the example on the RIGHT and NOT the example on the LEFT (as shown in picture #4)



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Socks:

The official Rounders sock color is WHITE. Black, blue, brown, etc. will not be acceptable for our official uniform.

Questions:

If you have ANY questions about your band uniform, see Lynn Weigand (mellophone section) or contact her at: LWeigand@bringemusic.com — please do NOT just “show up” at a performance and “hope” your uniform is in compliance. That is a formula for disaster! Show any questionable uniform components to Lynn BEFOREHAND to ensure your uniform is acceptable.

Our band is a respected organization whose members pride themselves on the musical and show product we present year after year. Let's take as much pride in our appearance as we do in our performance!