



# CHEERLEADING APPAREL CARE TIPS

*Follow the care label instructions to keep your apparel ready for the spotlight.*

Please distribute these instructions to your squad members for each garment ordered.

## THE FIRST WASH - WASH BEFORE THE FIRST WEAR!

Uniforms and warmups require special care for the first washing.

- Wash each item **separately**
- Use cold water only

If you do not wash your garments before the first wear, perspiration may cause color bleeding.

## All Apparel Washings

For all washings of your cheerleading apparel, select a **gentle cycle** on your washing machine and use a mild, color-care detergent.

- Wash in cold water.
- Turn garments inside out.
- Avoid using fabric softeners.
- After the first wash, you can wash your uniform pieces together, and your warmup pieces together, but do not wash them with any other clothing items. Doing so could cause colors to bleed, fade, or alter, and may damage custom tackle twill.
- Other apparel items may be washed with like colors.

Never leave apparel in your cheer bag after wearing. Dampness from perspiration may cause color transference.

## Drying

Never let your damp apparel sit in the washing machine.

- Remove your garments immediately after the washing cycle ends to avoid color bleeding and wrinkling.
- **Line dry only**, in the shade, to prevent color fading.

### DO NOT



Do Not Use Bleach



Do Not Wring



Do Not Dry Clean



Do Not Tumble Dry



Do Not Wash in Hot Water



Do Not Iron

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIALTY FABRICS

Some of your items may be made or accented with specialty fabrics or materials including:

- metallic tackle twill
- metallic panels
- embroidery
- faux rhinestones
- glitter

These specialty fabrics may be more likely to fade or have discoloration with normal use. They are more delicate and can be damaged if proper care instructions are not followed. Each garment will include specific washing and care instruction that should be followed.

**TIPS!** For all cheerleading apparel with specialty fabrics:

**HAND WASH ONLY, DO NOT SOAK**

**AVOID** contact with deodorant, hairspray and other aerosols

**AVOID** contact with lotions, body creams and oils

**AVOID** contact with glitter and shimmer

Following these instructions will help you keep your cheerleading apparel clean and in good shape. If not cared for properly, your garments could fade, stiffen, wrinkle, shrink, and/or bubble.