

## WASH AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

The following care instructions will prolong the life of your Ripon uniforms while retaining color and minimizing shrinkage. It is recommended that a new set of uniforms be laundered before wearing; in luke cool (55F-78F) water using a mild detergent.

<u>Uniforms should be laundered immediately after they have been worn!!</u> Color transfer (bleeding) may occur when perspiration soaked garments are left in a pile or folded one on top of another for any period of time. Garments that cannot be laundered at once should be hung individually on rust-proof hangers (plastic or wooden). All items not a part of the garment; i.e. belts, pads, etc., should be removed and laundered separately. Wash one jersey/pant, inside out, if results are acceptable, proceed with the balance.

Garments made of Antron Nylon or Spandex unusually soiled or stained can be pre-soaked in lukewarm (100) water with a pre-soak agent for no longer 4 hours. Hot water can cause color transfer. Garments should be laundered immediately after pre-soaking!! Pre-soak agents such as Biz of Wisk are not endorsed by Ripon Athletic, but work.

Most garments can be laundered and/or rinsed in lukewarm water (100F) however, garments that contain Antron Nylon and/or Spandex and have a hi-luster finish must be washed separately in lukewarm water or bleeding will result. (#54 Metallic, #57 Metallic Plus, #58 ProBrite Mesh, #60 Lycratalic contain Antron Nylon).

Rinse washing machine before laundering garments.

White and colored garments cannot be washed together, wash separately by color.

Use mild detergent (PH under 10) such as Tide, Ultra-Tide, Cheer, and Wisk are recommended. Ripon Athletic does not endorse these brands, but when used following these instructions, produce the best results.

Water level in machine should be higher than garment level which will reduce mechanical action.

Remove garments immediately after wash cycle is finished to avoid color transfer.

Bleaching is NOT recommended. <u>DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH!!</u> As it will fade colors, weaken fabrics, and cause color transfer/bleeding.

A light application of granular oxygen-base bleach is recommended on any white garment requiring bleach. Do not use de-stainers or softeners.

Garments should be air dried on rust-proof hangers (plastic or wooden). If machine drying is necessary, dryer should be at lowest temperature or "air-only" setting. Uncontrolled heat will result in uncontrolled shrinkage of garments. Remove garments from dryer at completion of drying cycle.

<u>DO NOT DRY CLEAN GARMENTS!!</u> Dry cleaning may discolor garments and ruin imprint names and numbers. <u>DO NOT IRON OR PRESS GARMENT!!</u> Especially those with imprint.

Dry garments completely before storing. Storing garments in a cool, dry area protected from sunlight and fluorescent light will prevent mildew or yellowing.