

ROOKIE FAQ'S – FOOTBALL GAMES

- Practice starts at 5:30 before the game. Be on time.
- Come in your shoes and comfortable clothes.
- Under your uniform you wear long black socks (mid-calf length), you can wear athletic shorts, and your Black "R" undershirt.
- Remember your uniform gloves (black ones!)
- Hair must be up underneath the shako, no bangs, no hair at all hanging down. Long hair can be in a bun and use bobby pins for any loose hairs. That goes for boys, too.
- If wearing a beret, girls must have hair in a bun.
- No heavy makeup, no earrings, no jewelry.
- Please make sure to eat before coming at 5:30. Remember to bring water for practice.
- As a parent, if you are not working concessions, you will need to pay to get into the game. Band students do not pay admission.
- Uniforms and shakos stay at school (unless you're taking uniforms home as part of the wash team).
- Kids do not bring their cases to the field. Cases stay in band room during game.
- Parents usually try and sit around the Ryle Band Area in the bleachers (there have been issues in the past with other students disrespecting band equipment. If you could sit on the right of the caution tape – not in the student section, that would be great.
- Kids MUST stay for the entire game.
- All band will be in the stands for the 1st Quarter; All band will be in stands for 2nd Quarter, until directed to move to warmup areas, and Pit will head to band room as directed by their section leader to gather their instruments and move to the field. The Pit must be on the track and ready to go with at least 5 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter.
- All band off during the 3rd quarter. They have the opportunity to socialize and get food. They will be given either a hamburger or hotdog at the concession stand. They will need money to purchase anything else they may want. Since they are in uniforms, they need to be extra careful with food and activity.
- All band back in stands for 4th quarter.
- We need parents who are helping the band and the Pit to be in the stands monitoring activity, ensuring there are no issues, and keeping the section set apart for the band.
- As soon as the game is over, they all mass exit to the band room. Remove and rehang uniform, return uniform to uniform room. Gather all belongings and head for home.
- Guard hair, makeup and uniform is specific and will be determined by Guard instructors. You will need to be fully dressed in uniform and hair as this is a dress rehearsal for the show.