

Pipe Band Uniform



Introduction

As members of the Napier Pipe Band, we parade and perform concerts for the public and private events. It's important we wear our Band uniform correctly and present ourselves as smart as we possibly can. There are many tiny little parts that aren't difficult but can make a huge difference to the Band presentation and professionalism.

Uniform

Each member will be provided the following uniform.

1 Pair Socks, 1 Pair Flashes, 1 Kilt, 1 Sporrán, 1 Waist Belt

1 Short Sleeve Shirt – White

1 Tie, 1 Argyle Jacket, 1 Waistcoat, 1 Glengarry

See the Band Custodian for all uniform enquiries & changes.

Members are to provide their own Black Shoes / Brogues with long laces and any replacement socks and white shirt as required. Long serving members of 5 years or more may have their sock and shirts replaced. See Band Uniform Custodian for more information.

No badges, jewellery or kilt pins on our uniforms, the only badges are the band awarded ones like the Presidents awards. However, on specific days like Anzac Day or some specified funerals medals may be worn.

Leg Dress

Socks & Flashes

- Ensure socks are correct side out. The easy way to identify this is: If the lines on the sock are raised the sock is inside out. Iron flashes to ensure they are flat.
- When fitting your socks, ensure the lines of the sock run perfectly vertically with your legs. The sock centre seam should be in the centre of your leg.
- Fully extend the sock then place the flash and garter, approximately a hand width below the knee. Line up the flash to the outside edge of the centre line of the sock. Pic 1
- Fold the sock down covering the top of the flash by approximately 2cm. Pic 2
- Fold the sock again creating a double layer fold. The top of the sock should be 3 finger width below the knee. Pic 3
- Ensure socks and flashes are the same height on both legs. Adjust as required.



Brogues

- Ensure your Brogues / Black shoes are clean and polished. Note: Playing Members (except school pupils) are required to purchase Ghillie brogues.

Lace Tying Steps

1. Twist the laces 3 times. Ensure the lace lines up centre with the centre line of the sock. Pic 1
2. Wrap lace around your lower leg tying a half knot. Pic 2
3. Wrap lace around your leg again tying a half knot and bow to the outside of your leg. Pic 3



Your laces need to be tied firm enough to ensure they don't become loose and drop down but not too firm which may cause discomfort or restrict circulation.

Body Dress

- White shirt needs to be pressed (ironed) and buttons done up all the way to the top.
- Tie to fit firmly around the collar and be centred.

Kilt

- Hold the Kilt behind your back then wrap the right side with the single buckle strap around your waist towards your left side securing the buckle firmly. Wrap the left side around your waist towards your right side locating and securing the 2 buckles. Twist the kilt around until the centre line of the kilt is centred with your body. Your kilt should sit from your navel to the top of your knee. Reach under your kilt and pull your white shirt to ensure its well tucked in and not twisted.

Waistcoat

- Put on your waistcoat and do up all buttons except the bottom button. Ensure the buttons are centred and line up with the centre of the kilt.

Waist Belt

- Fit the belt around your waist but not through the kilt sporran loop at the back of the Kilt. Secure the buckle. The top of the belt should be flush with the top of the kilt.

Sporran

- Fit the sporran and secure the buckles. The sporran belt at the back should be through the kilt loop and under the waist belt. The chains should sit at the top of the Kilt buckles on either side. The top of the sporran should be 4 finger width below the bottom of the waist belt buckle. The centre of the belt buckle and the middle of the sporran should be in line with the centre (red) stripe on the kilt.

Glengarry

- The Glengarry is worn slightly right of centre approx. two fingers above the eyebrow as shown in the photo.

