

## Marching Tips - Marching “Rounders-style” - (Musicians)

(New Members can attend a short briefing session before 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal with the Drum Major)

**Our Goal: Sharp and crisp looking performance - Be Proud!**

### Uniform

- “Official” Hat - Official Rounders hat, worn "squared" on your head, not tilted back
- “Official” Shirt - Official 2012 Rounders red shirt (always tucked in)
- Slacks - Docker style slacks, must be same color as “Official” Rounders hat, no jeans
- Shoes - Any white walking/tennis shoes without color stripes or logos
- Belt - Black in color.
- Pins or Jewelry - No unapproved pins or jewelry on shirt/hat
- “Official” Water Bottle Holder - Official Rounders holder placed on designated side (left/right - decided by section)

### While standing still in rank or at "Attention"

- Head - hold your head up - Be Proud!
- Look forward - move just your eyes
- Shoulders back
- Instrument held with both hands
- Feet - heels together and toes out at a 45 degree angle

### Before the Parade or Concert:

- Warm-up - It is customary for the band to form close to the parade route to warm-up and play through a few tunes. Between the time we leave the formation area and arrive at the parade route, please don't “doodle” ... let the first note of the first tune be impressive.

### While Marching:

- When marching, use heel-to-toe walk (to eliminate up and down movement)
- Always avoid excess motion (You'll look good & instrument will sound better)
- Look good first, then, play if you can.
- Both hands are always on the instrument.
- Brass Instruments held parallel to ground (while playing) - Others decided by section.
- Holding your instrument while marching (not playing) - Decided by section, however, most sections hold their instruments vertical with both hands in front of their body.

### Staying In Line: (Remember these 3 things and you will always be in line)

- The designated Center Guide is responsible for the spacing with the row in front.
- Always stay in line with the person next to you (to the inside of your rank).
- Always stay immediately behind the person's neck in front of you.

### Horns Up during the Drum Rolloff & start playing Parade Music after

- “Pop” your horns up on the 4<sup>th</sup> beat with a sharp motion
- Parade music **Patriotic Salute 2012** will be played after the drum rolloff
- Start marching and playing at the same time. Left foot to pavement on beat 1 and 3.

### Marching Forward (Practice this with a mirror. We do this most of the time!)

- **Heel-to-toe Walking Style** - Plant the heel of your foot onto the pavement with your toes raised. Roll the rest of your foot down to the ground. Your head should not move up and down. (The Rounders *walking style* does not incorporate high-stepping or knee raising.)

### What do we do at a street corner during a parade?

- At the turn or corner (exact location set by the Drum Major signal), the line *pinwheels* depending upon the direction we are turning. The inside of the line takes very small steps, while the outside of the line takes larger steps. This line should stay straight the entire time.

### Marking Time

- During the parade, the Drum Major may stop forward motion. Continue to march in place, toes do not leave the ground, heels only will raise, knees will pass as steps are taken.

### What if I drop my music?

- If you drop your music, **keep marching**. Tagalongs should be able to get your music.



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