



KEEPING YOUR WHITE KITS, WHITE!

Whose idea was it anyway to have white shirts, white shorts and white socks as our Home Kits? Well it is up to the Club, but the League and referees like when the players are in stark contrast to each other so the visitors are in all dark colors and Home is all light/white colors. We have chosen white which looks great, but not always the favorite of the parents who have to wash these uniforms. We hope these tips will help you keep your whites, white and to keep the Club Administrators safe from an angry mob of Moms (and some Dad's) because the white kits are impossible to keep clean:)

Ground rules

Before you get started, here are a few ground rules that will make your stain fighting more effective:

- *Remember to treat stains as quickly as possible. You have a better chance of removing them when they're still fresh.*
- *Before using any stain removing products, be sure to test a small portion of the affected clothing for colorfastness. This way, you won't be treating the stain at the expense of your lovely garment.*

Now, go slide tackle those stains!

Grass stains : *Did your Gryphon slide tackle or get knocked to the ground?*

Grass stains are also a dye stain —a combination of protein and other organic matter mixed with chlorophyll, xanthophylls and carotenoids. For stubborn stains like grass, soak in a solution of cool water and a laundry product containing enzymes, like Shout Advanced Ultra Gel Brush, for at least 30 minutes (and several hours for aged stains). Don't use hot water, as it will coagulate the protein and make the stain more difficult to remove. If stains remain, soak an additional 30 minutes, then rewash. (Follow product instructions, and note that some laundry detergents already contain enzymes.) After soaking, launder in warm water as usual.

Mud stains: *Mud on the butt from your Gryphon running or sliding?*

Mud stains are a protein stain. Let mud stains dry. Brush to remove the soil. Soak in a solution of 1 quart warm water, 1 teaspoon liquid dish detergent and 1 tablespoon white vinegar for 15 minutes. Rinse with water. Let stand for several minutes.

If the stain persists, sponge it with rubbing alcohol, then rinse with clear water and wash. You may also soak the stain for 30 minutes in an enzyme presoak, and you can add chlorine bleach to the load of laundry if the label says it's safe for the fabric.