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The University of Akron Department of Athletics is one of The University of Akron's most visible brands. This branding guide was created to ensure that the text and graphics of all official communications – publications, stationery, business cards, promotional items, websites, signs, digital materials, apparel, internal and external communications and all other documents or items representing the Department of Athletics or any of its collegiate varsity sports, departments or offices – present a clear, consistent and positive image of Akron Athletics.

This guide was designed to communicate the guidelines for using the unique logos, colors, marks and styles of Akron Athletics in order to differentiate the teams, coaches, staff and student-athletes from other athletics programs. In order to be successful, we ask that when applying the logos, colors, marks and styles to any asset, the identity of the brand must be to the specifications and standards outlined in this guide. These guidelines allow you to work independently, while maintaining a consistent, professional image across the teams, departments and outside vendors associated with Akron Athletics. These guidelines are not meant to hinder progress or compromise creativity, but to strengthen the overall brand.

The marks and logos contained in this guide may not be used to represent any outside entity, both on and off campus, without the direct written consent of Akron Athletics.

Should you have any additional questions regarding the materials in this guide or the implementation of the Department of Athletics brand, please contact the associate athletics director at 330-972-6696.

Larry Williams Director of Athletics

Matt Newhouse Associate Athletics Director for Marketing & Promotions

Online Resources

This brand guide is available, by section and as a whole, online by visiting GoZips.com/Brand. This site also contains versions of each logo and wordmark, the Akron and Avenir fonts compatible for both Mac and PC, and templates for print and digital publications. This site serves as a toolkit for applying graphics standards to print and electronic communication produced both internally and externally.

The University of Akron

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- University is always capitalized when it refers spe
- The University of Akron is not to be referenced

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- When referring to the Department of Athletics,
- On first reference, the full name of The Universit with "The" capitalized.
- On subsequent references to the Department or also be used.
- The Department of Athletics is not to be referen

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- Zips, the unique nickname for all varsity athletics to in the plural when referencing one of the 20 v
- Director of Athletics Kenneth "Red" Cochrane c 1950.
- Twenty-five years earlier a campus-wide contest University's athletics teams.
- Suggestions submitted by students, faculty and Rubbernecks, Hillbillies, Kangaroos and Chevali
- The winner, freshman Margaret Hamlin, receive name taken from the B.F. Goodrich Co., referrir

The University of Akron Athletics Programs

- On first reference, the full name of The Universit "The" capitalized (e.g., The University of Akron
- On subsequent references to a specific sport, A Basketball), but Zips and the sport name may also and the sport name may also be a specific sport.
- When discussing a single sport within a piece of specific sport by the name Akron or the Zips.

The University of Akron Facilities

On first reference, the full name of the facility show

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cs teams at The University of Akron, should always be referred varsity sports teams. officially shortened the original nickname, Zippers, to Zips in at had been conducted to choose a nickname for the d alumni included Golden Blue Devils, Tip Toppers, liers. ed a prize of \$10 for suggesting the nickname Zippers, a brand	APPAREL
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY COLORS **PRIMARY BRAND** Primary Colors The primary colors for Akron Athletics are Akron Blue (PMS 282) and Akron Gold (PMS 871). Akron Blue – PMS 282 • C: 100 M: 90 Y: 13 K: 68 • R: 4 G: 30 B: 66 • HTML: #041E42 **ADVERTISING** Akron Gold – PMS 7503 • C: 10 M: 15 K: 29 Y: 50 • R: 168 G: 153 B: 104 • HTML: #A89968 APPAREL **Secondary Color** • The secondary color for Akron Athletics is Akron Flat Gold (PMS 7503). • The secondary color can be used in the creation of a logo as a contrast or to offset the primary Akron Gold. An example of this is the "Fear the Roo" logo (see page 9). • Akron Gold comes off as a more Metallic Gold when applicable. Akron Flat Gold is closer to a non-textured Vegas Gold. CORRESPONDENCE Akron Gold – PMS 871 Can only be used in place of 7503 on merchandise or in the creation of a logo to offset the primary Akron Gold. DIGITAL MEDIA STYLE GUIDE **OGO CREATION**

Primary Fonts

- The primary fonts for Akron Athletics are Avenir and • The primary use of the Akron font is for uniforms, minimal use of type. Do not use this font in copy that
- The Avenir Book font is the approved body copy font documents, press releases, memos, letters, correspo type. Variations of the Avenir font may be used in be you do not have access to Avenir, Verdana is an acc
- Correct and consistent use of these typefaces helps

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Avenir Light

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- The primary logo for Akron Athletics is the Z logo. Men's Soccer uses the Z Star logo.
- The Z logo was introduced in 2002 as the secondary logo for the entire Department of Athletics.
- The Z logo became the primary logo for Akron Athletics in May 2015.
- The Z logo should be used on all materials pertaining to Akron Athletics.









Primary and Secondary Wordmark

- The primary wordmark for Akron Athletics is the stacked Akron wordmark.
- The secondary wordmark is the Akron wordmark.







Primary Logo

- The color scheme of the Z logo should not be altered for any reason. • The Z logo should not be distorted, skewed or altered for any reason.
- logo for any collateral requiring a black and white artwork.
- The Z logo should never be reproduced at a size smaller than 0.3 inches in height.
- The Z logo should not be used as the negatively colored element (white) for print or digital purposes. This is only allowed on apparel and merchandise through our licensees. • Do not rotate the logo in any direction without prior approval from Akron Athletics.
- Do not add copy to the logo.
- Do not combine the Z logo with any Akron wordmark.





Do not change the color scheme of the logo.





Do not reproduce smaller than 0.3 inches in height.





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Do not add copy to the logo.



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• The color Z logo is not to be converted for black and white use. Please use the black and white version of the Z

• Please contact Akron Athletics with any request to alter the color schemes of any primary logo.

Do not skew the logo.

Do not use the gold fill Z logo.



Do not convert the color logo for black and white use.



Do not rotate the logo without prior approval.



Do not combine the logo with any wordmarks or logos.



The negatively colored image is only allowed for merchandise through our licensees. Do not use it for print or digital.

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PRIMARY BRAND Primary and Secondary Wordmarks

- The color scheme of the wordmarks should not be altered for any reason.
- The wordmarks should not be distorted, skewed or altered for any reason.
- The color wordmarks are not to be converted for black and white use. Please use the black and white version of the wordmark for any collateral requiring a black and white artwork.
- The wordmarks should never be reproduced at a size smaller than 0.3 inches in height.
- The wordmarks should not be used as the negatively colored element (white) for print or digital purposes. This is only allowed on apparel and merchandise through our licensees.
- Do not rotate the wordmarks in any direction. They should remain at the proper angle of seven degrees.
- Do not add copy to the wordmarks.
- The Akron wordmark can be used in place of the word "Akron" on collateral and merchandise.
- Please contact Akron Athletics with any request to alter the color schemes of any secondary logo.



Do not change the color scheme of the wordmarks.



Do not skew the wordmarks.



Do not convert the color logo for black and white use.



Do not replace the sport or word Zips with a different word.



Do not remove the sport or word Zips with text.



Do not rotate the wordmarks in any direction.



Do not add copy to the wordmarks.



Do not use a white stroke when printing the watermarks on a background color.

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The negatively colored image is only allowed for merchandise through our licensees. Do not use it for print or digital.

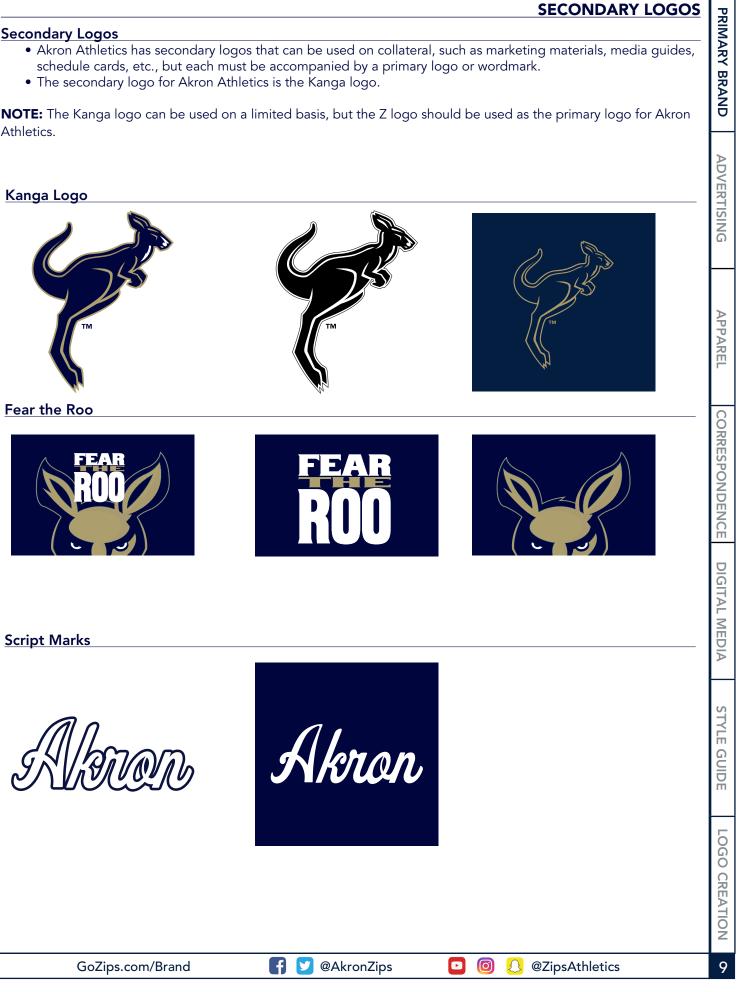
@ZipsAthletics

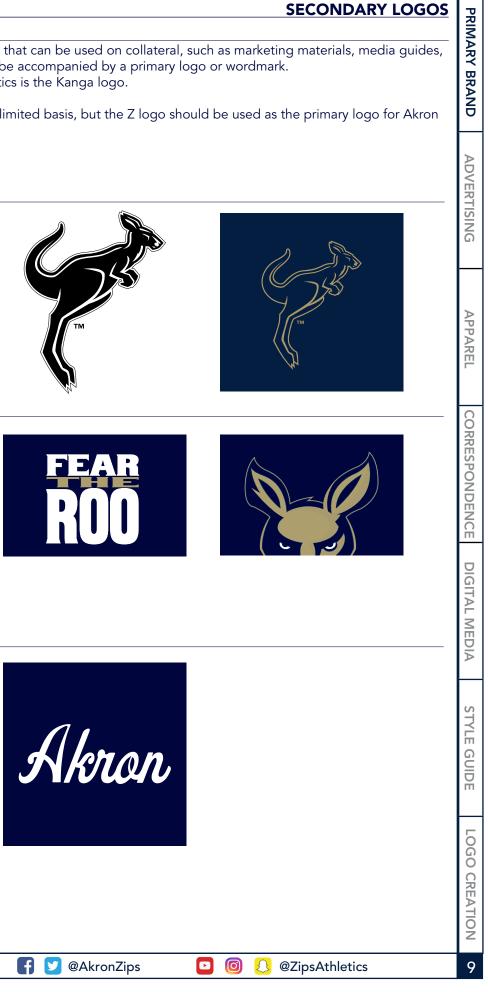
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Secondary Logos

- The color scheme of the secondary logos should not be altered for any reason.
- The secondary logos should not be distorted, skewed or altered for any reason.
- The color secondary logos are not to be converted for black and white use. Please use the black and white version of the secondary logos for any collateral requiring a black and white artwork.
- The secondary logos should never be reproduced at a size smaller than 0.3 inches in height.
- Do not rotate the logos in any direction without prior approval from Akron Athletics.
- Do not add copy to the logos.
- Do not combine the logos with any Akron wordmark.
- Please contact Akron Athletics with any request to alter the color schemes of any secondary logo.

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Do not change the color scheme of the logo.



Do not rotate, skew or flip the logo.



Do not use the logo as a negatively colored image.



Do not add copy to the logo.



Do not combine the logo with any wordmarks or logos.



Do not use white stroke when printing the logo on a background color.



- logo or wordmark.
- The color scheme of these logos should not be altered for any reason.
- The logos should not be distorted, skewed or altered for any reason.
- The logos should never be reproduced at a size smaller than 0.3 inches in height.
- The logos should not be used as the negatively colored element (white).

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Crystal Clinic Wagon Wheel Challenge

Varsity "A" Association







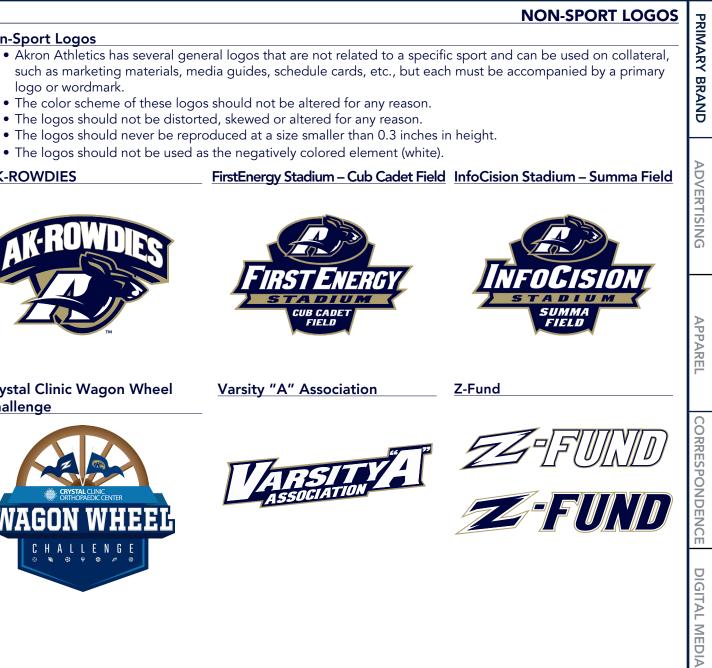
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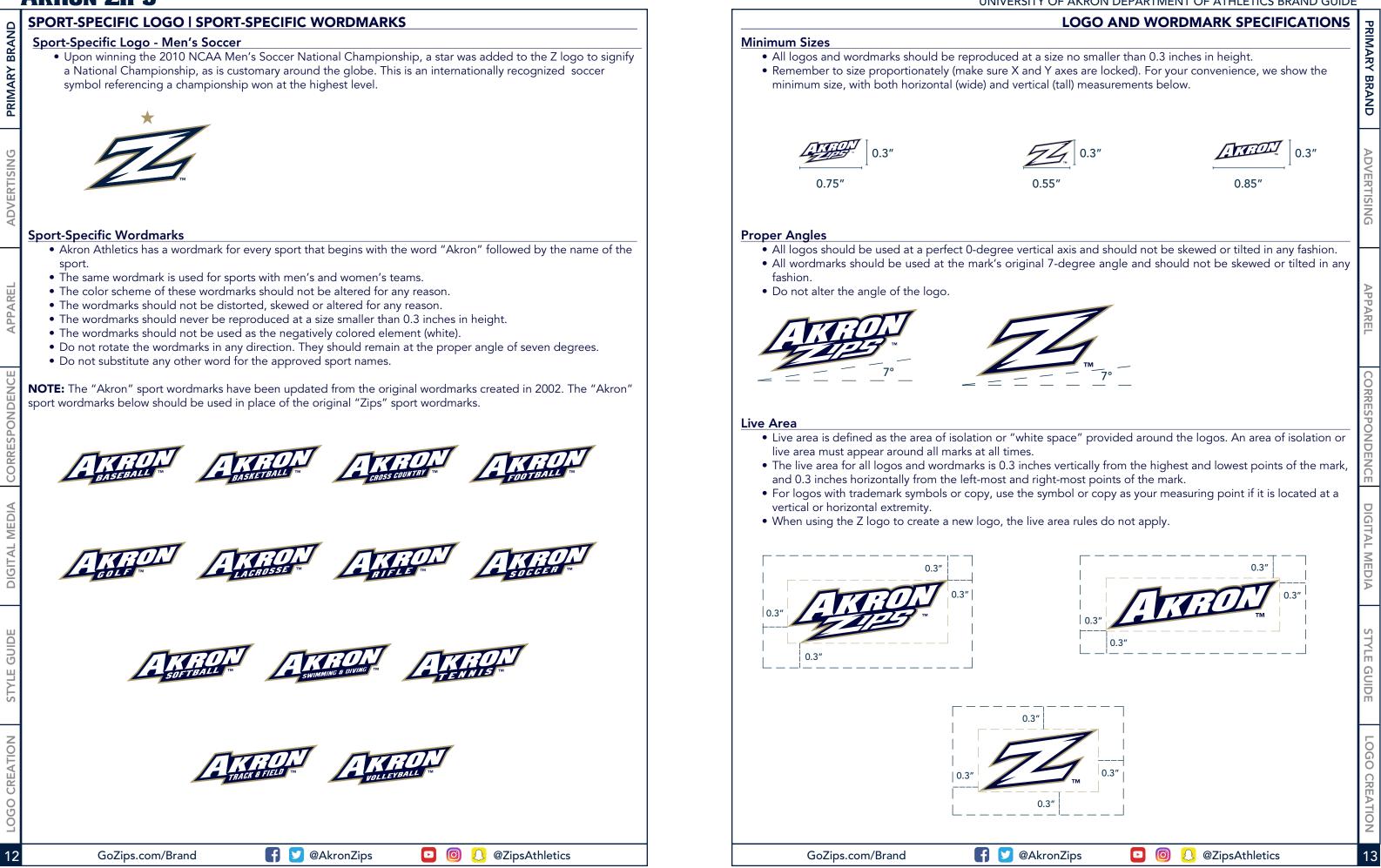
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ZIPPY'S KIDS CLUB PRIMARY BRAND Zippy's Kids Club • Zippy's Kids Club is the official kids club of Akron Athletics. • On all references, the full name of Zippy's Kids Club should always be used, with the first letter of all three words capitalized. • The primary fonts for Zippy's Kids Club are Akron, Avenir and SC Gum Kids. • The primary use of the Akron and SC Gum Kids fonts are for merchandise, banners, posters, headlines and other assets that require minimal use of type. Do not use this font in copy that is more than one sentence in length. **ADVERTISING** • The Avenir Book font is the approved body copy font for Zippy's Kids Club. Variations of the Avenir font may be used in body copy, as needed, for use as headlines, italic copy, etc. **Primary Colors** • The primary colors for Zippy's Kids Club are Akron Blue (PMS 282), Zippy Dark Gold (PMS 7412) and Zippy Light Gold (PMS 123). Akron Blue – PMS 282 • C: 100 M: 90 Y: 13 K: 68 • R: 4 G: 30 B: 66 APPAREL • • HTML: #041E42 Zippy Dark Gold – PMS 7412 CORRESPONDENCE M: 42 Y: 100 K: 7 • C: 0 • R: 213 G: 165 B: 22 • HTML: #E89719 Zippy Light Gold – PMS 123 • C: 0 M: 24 Y: 94 K: 0 DIGITAL MEDIA • R: 235 G: 205 B: 50 • HTML: #FFC425 Zippy's Kids Club Logo • The primary logo for Zippy's Kids Club is the horizontal Zippy's Kids Club logo. • The horizontal Zippy's Kids Club logo should be used on all materials pertaining to Zippy's Kids Club. STYLE GUIDE • The logo should not be altered in any way without obtaining permission from Akron Athletics. **CREATION** 000

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The Evolution of Zippy

The evolution of Zippy, The University of Akron's mascot, began more than 50 years ago, when the student council, under the council's president, Dave Frye, and mascot selection committee chairman Bob Savoy (an All-American diver for UA), decided the University needed a mascot. Dick Hansford, UA student council advisor, recommended the kangaroo, inspired in part by a popular comic strip character at the time named "Kicky," a fighting kangaroo. The kangaroo was officially declared UA's mascot on May 1, 1953.

No one recalls who made the arrangements for the first costume, but a paper-mache head was produced, along with a brown furry uniform that zipped up the back. Pete Demming debuted the first mascot uniform in 1955, at the second Acme-Zip Game - not as "Zippy" but as "Mr. Zip."

The first known printed reference to the mascot as "Zippy" was a 1965 Zips Football press brochure. The Buchtelite's first use of the name "Zippy" came September 24, 1965, in a photo caption reading, "Mascot - 'Zippy' -Charles Huettner."

Not everyone was pleased with the new mascot, including writers from The Buchtelite and the Akron Beacon Journal, as the name was chosen without a campus-wide vote. Others defended the new mascot, however, saving, "The kangaroo is fast, agile, and powerful, with undying determination - all the necessary qualities of an athlete." It is difficult to imagine that dissent, seeing as how Zippy is now one of, if not the, most beloved symbols of the University. In fact, in the 2007 Capitol One Mascot Challenge, Zippy, after a first-round bye in the playoffs, cruised to victories over Syracuse University's Otto in the semifinals and the University of Minnesota's Goldy Gopher in the final

round to become the Capital One Mascot of the Year.

Referencing Zippy

- subsequent references.
- of a handful of female mascots in the nation to represent an entire department of athletics.

Zippy Logos (with name)



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• Zippy should be referenced as Zippy or Zippy the Kangaroo on first reference. Zippy is acceptable on

• Zippy should be referenced as "she," as Zippy has a pouch (only female kangaroos have pouches). Zippy is one





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- The University of Akron is not to be referenced as Akron University or AU.
- (PMS 7503).
- The approved seal colors are Akron Navy Blue and Akron Gold.
- The official typefaces for The University of Akron are the Avenir and Caslon font families.

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• On first reference, the full name of The University of Akron should always be used, with "The" capitalized. • On subsequent references to The University of Akron, University is preferred, but Akron may also be used. University is always capitalized when it refers specifically to The University of Akron. UA may be used sparingly.

• The official logo colors for The University of Akron wordmark are Akron Navy Blue (PMS 282) and Akron Gold







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THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

The Mid-American Conference* • The Akron Zips are a member of the Mid-American Conference.

- The conference should be referred to as the Mid-American Conference on the first reference and as the MAC in following references.
- The MAC should not be referred to as the MAC Conference.
- The primary colors of the MAC are Blue (PMS 289), Green (PMS 347) and Metallic Gray (PMS 877 Metallic). A non-metallic version of Gray (PMS 429) can also be used.
- The MAC has three primary logos: the Seal Logo, the Athletics Logo and the Type Only Logo.
- The Seal Logo may appear with and without the "MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE" designation and on both light and dark backgrounds.
- The Athletics Logo may appear with and without the "MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE" designation and on both light and dark backgrounds.
- The Type Only Logo may appear with and without the "MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE" designation and on both light and dark backgrounds. On dark backgrounds, all components reverse to white.
- The Mid-American Conference brand identity may appear in the color palette of any of its member institutions, including The University of Akron, primarily on uniforms, playing surfaces or branded merchandise.

Seal Logo Athletics Logo Type Only Logo MID-AMERICAN MID·AMERICAN CONFERENCE CONFERENCE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE Athletics Logo – Akron <u>Seal Logo – Akron</u> Type Only Logo – Akron mid-American CONFERENCE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE mid-American MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE CONFERENCE *The above logos and standards for the Mid-American Conference are based on the conference branding guide as of July 2017. For more information on the Mid-American Conference brand, please contact the league office at 216-566-4622 or visit the MAC online at mac-sports.com. G 🗹 @AkronZips GoZips.com/Brand £ @ZipsAthletics

Overview

It is just as important for outside vendors and partne Athletics brand as it is for the members of the Depar

Logo Usage

- When creating an advertisement using the Akron department, the Z Logo. Guidelines and usage re and 7 of this brand quide.
- The Z Logo should not be less than half (50 percent exceed the minimum size requirements (0.3" tall)
- The primary wordmark, secondary logos, sport-sp an advertisement without prior approval from Akro

Primary Colors and Fonts

• Although it is not required when creating an adver the primary colors (Akron Blue, PMS 282; Akron G possible. Information on the primary colors can be page 5 of this brand guide.

Photographs

- When using photography in advertisement creatic athletes.
- Please contact the External Relations Department appropriate images and artwork.

Review and Approval

• In order to ensure brand and NCAA compliance, approve the use of its brand, including logos, wor be used to approve the brand usage and to ensur pertaining to the vendor or partner's brand, or the

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rtisement, Akron Athletics asks that a vendor or partner use fold, PMS 871) and primary fonts (Akron and Avenir) whenever the found on page 4, while the primary fonts can be found on	APPARE
on, a vendor/partner cannot use an image of current student-	Ē
to check the guidelines for photograph usage or to request	СС
the Department of Athletics has the right to review and rdmarks, fonts, photographs, etc. This review process will only re NCAA compliance, and will not include other elements e design of the advertisement itself.	CORRESPONDENCE
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Frequently Asked Questions • Why have a licensing program?

A trademark licensing program gives Akron Athletics control over its logos and marks, thus ensuring the quality and consistency of all of its merchandise. It also enables Akron Athletics to generate revenue from the sale of merchandise bearing its logos and marks. The revenue is used to support and enhance many programs campuswide. Outside of Akron Athletics, the trademark licensing program creates a cooperative and positive working relationship with the manufacturers and retailers who work with Akron Athletics.

• What qualifies as a trademark?

Any mark, logo, symbol, nickname, letter(s), word(s) or combination of these that can be associated with Akron Athletics qualifies as a trademark.

• What products can be licensed?

Students, alumni and fans generate many great ideas for new University products. Products will be considered and must be approved by the associate athletics director. No products will be licensed without the approval of the associate athletics director. This ensures all products associated with Akron Athletics are of high quality and good taste and ensures the non-approval of potentially hazardous items.

• Who needs a license?

Anyone wishing to use the marks, logos and symbols of Akron Athletics must obtain a license.

• I want to sell merchandise bearing University trademarks. Do I have to be a licensed vendor?

If you wish to sell merchandise bearing University trademarks, and if you yourself have produced that merchandise, you must be a licensed vendor. If, however, you wish to sell merchandise bearing University trademarks, and you yourself have not produced that merchandise, you do not have to be a licensed vendor. With the proper business permits, anyone can sell officially licensed merchandise as long as it is purchased from a vendor licensed to produce emblematic merchandise for Akron Athletics.

• What if you do not get a license?

• All products must be approved by Associate Athletics Director for Marketing & Promotions Matt Newhouse. Failure to obtain a license or approval from the associate athletics director would be grounds for the seizure of all non-approved merchandise bearing Akron Athletics's marks. It also could result in jail time and numerous fines if convicted.

• Can an alumni or student group sell products using Akron Athletics's marks as a fundraiser?

Before contacting local manufacturers regarding new products, designs or an idea for a fundraiser, check with the associate athletics director. He will be able to identify local manufacturers to produce the items, saving everyone time and effort.

• Do products used for official University business have to be produced by a licensed vendor?

All products bearing a University trademark must be produced by a licensed vendor. While products intended to be sold as a fundraiser for Akron Athletics are not exempt from royalties, products intended for the internal use by University departments, clubs and organizations may be exempt from royalties. Contact the associate athletics director if you have a question regarding the exemption status of a product you wish to order.

• What about using the name or logo of Akron Athletics on a website?

Every use of trademarks of Akron Athletics requires permission from Akron Athletics and the associate athletics director. The internet has made it easy for alumni, fans and supporters to build webpages with the name and logos of Akron Athletics, and Akron Athletics appreciates this support. However, federal trademark laws require that Akron Athletics control its name and marks; therefore, Akron Athletics must be very selective in granting permission in these and all instances. For more information, contact the associate athletics director.

• Who is responsible for the licensing and merchandising program? Matt Newhouse Associate Athletics Director for Marketing & Promotions **Phone:** (330) 972-6696

Email: mmn3@uakron.edu

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Stationery – especially business cards and letterhe the Akron Athletics brand. Consistency strengther system is designed to ensure consistency across a identity for the Department of Athletics.

Letterhead

- The letterhead for Akron Athletics was designed t the department.
- When printing on the official department letterhea preferred font size is 10 pt. See page 5 of this bra
- To order letterhead, contact Printing & Copying S

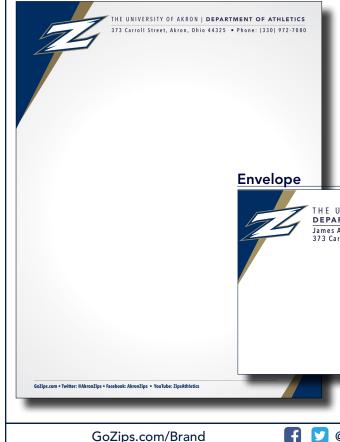
Mailing Guidelines

- The correct mailing address for Akron Athletics is: <Individual Name and Title or Department/Sport University of Akron Department of Athletics <Street Address>
- <Building and Office Number>
- Akron, OH 44325-5201
- It is important to use this specific format on your address to ensure the consistent presentation of mailed correspondence.

Business Card

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- To order business cards, contact Printing & Copyi

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Social Media Overview

- University of Akron as a whole.

Social Media Platforms - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube

- presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.
- properly set up and added to the department's social media directory.
- department's social media directory.

Other Forms of Social Media

As other forms of social media grow and are created, brand guidelines to ensure the proper portrayal of the Akron Athletics brand will be drafted and disseminated.

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• Ever-evolving social media have provided an incredible source of outreach to Akron Athletics and the world of college athletics as a whole. From Twitter and Facebook to blogs and podcasts, making sure our brand is consistent in this form of communication is just as important as it is in our print and electronic correspondence. • It is important to remember that when you refer to Akron Athletics in your social media platforms, you impact the overall department brand. While these platforms are called "social" media and not "professional" media, be sure to use the correct department logos, marks and brand names on your pages and in your messaging. • It is also important that proper etiquette is used when interacting through any form of social media. The use of foul language or sexist, racial or other demeaning comments is not acceptable. A social media account is not only a direct reflection upon the owner/manager of the account, but upon the Department of Athletics and The

• The External Relations Department has created a social media brand. Each coach and/or program has a

• When creating a new social media account, whether representing a coach, program, department or staff, it is important to create your handle in the same manner as the current social media accounts. For a team or staff member, please use Zips and your first name (@ZipsJohn, @ZipsCoachJohn or @ZipsFB). Before making the account active, please check with a member of the External Relations Department to make sure the account is

• It is not recommended to create alternative social media accounts for your sport. If your department currently does not have an account on one of these social media platforms, please check with a member of the External Relations Department for assistance and to make sure the account is properly set up and added to the

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RIMARY BRAND **Digital Media Overview**

Since the start of the 2010-11 athletics calendar, Akron Athletics has placed a strong emphasis on creating new and original digital content for consumption by the general public. This progressive plan included the expansion of online streaming of nearly all University of Akron sporting events, as well as the production of content such as event previews and recaps, feature shows, student-athlete vlogs and more.

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ADVERTISING	 Video Production All videos must use standard and approved lower third graphics. This includes the Z logo and the individual's full name and accompanying title. See pages 6-7 of this brand guide for more information on proper usage of the Z logo. At times, certain videos may require a brief advertisement placed at the beginning of the video as part of a contractual agreement with a sponsor, partner or vendor. Branding on videos must include IMG visual elements when applicable - the only exception being the Crystal Clinic Wagon Wheel Challenge events, where the Crystal Clinic logo must be present. Videos must be framed correctly, with the subject's full face visible and centered on screen. When posting videos to YouTube, all descriptions and tags must include the following search terms: Akron, Zips, Athletics, (Specific Sport), Name of person being interviewed. This increases the searchability of the video
APPAREL	 video. Video quality is subject to review from the external relations department. Scratchy, overly loud or poor-quality videos may be removed or edited at the discretion of the external relations department. The External Relations Department reserves all rights to review, edit and repost any videos associated with the Department of Athletics on all associated social media accounts.
CORRESPONDENCE	 Website Management The layout and design of GoZips.com is one that is unique to Akron Athletics. When creating new web content, please keep in mind the following items: All content must adhere to the brand standards outlined in this guide, including the proper usage of all fonts, logos, verbiage, etc. All webpages must be reviewed and approved by the external relations department before activation. The templates created for GoZips.com shall not be altered in any way. Please contact the external relations department for any questions or requests to change a webpage template. When formatting photographs for use in the main rotator on GoZips.com, artwork should be sized to 2000 pixels wide by 1125 pixels high.
DIGITAL MEDIA	 When applicable, save artwork and images as .png files. If not applicable, save images as .jpg files. <u>eNewsletters</u> When creating and designing eNewsletters for dissemination, it is recommended that the designer work with
DIGIT/	 the external relations department to ensure brand compliance. All content must adhere to the brand standards outlined in this guide, including the proper usage of all fonts, logos, verbiage, etc.
STYLE GUIDE	 Photography When using photography on GoZips.com, it is not required to include a byline and media outlet for photos taken by a photographer hired by Akron Athletics. When using photography as the primary artwork on GoZips.com or on a social media account, the artwork should be branded for the sport using the social media account name (@ZipsMBB, for example) in one of the four corners, in Akron Bold Italic 6 pt. font. The color should be white (or Akron Blue, if on a light-colored background) at 70 percent opacity. In cases when photographs are used from an outside source, please include the person's name and
CREATION	organization in the following format: Courtesy of John Smith, Anywhere Newspaper. PowerPoint
CREA	 When creating a PowerPoint presentation, it is important to use the official Department of Athletics template. This template follows all brand guidelines and can be adjusted to fit the needs of a particular department or sport

- When creating a PowerPoint presentation, it is important to use the official Department of Athletics template.
- This template follows all brand guidelines and can be adjusted to fit the needs of a particular department or sport.
- Please contact a member of the external relations department with any questions regarding the PowerPoint template or for assistance in adjusting the template to fit the individual needs of your department or sport.

Style Guide Overview

When producing materials, such as banners, poste is important that the copy you draft be consistent Akron Athletics brand is expressed in words. Pleas the brand voice.

Alumnus, Alumna, Alumni, Alumnae

Alumnus (alumni in the plural) refers to a man who but rarely used) refers to a woman who has gradua women.

Dates

- Months are always capitalized, and the following Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. Spell out the m between the month and year: November 2017. comma after the day and year: On Jan. 1, 2008, Year Challenge. In a tabular format, these three-May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec. (The be spelled out with the date and year: January
- Capitalize days of the week and abbreviate only a period: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun.
- Use numerals, but not ordinals, when writing da
- Do not use the numerical version of a date (01/0
- For years, use figures, without commas: 2018.
- Set off month, day and year constructions with c
- Use an s without an apostrophe when indicating decades, use an apostrophe to indicate omitted

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Put a space on both sides of the dash in all uses e favorite colors - blue and gold - and is a big fan c

State Abbreviations

• Follow Associated Press Style and spell out state standard abbreviations only when a city and stat name and state name: Scranton, Pa., is home to abbreviated: Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine codes are only used in addresses, such as OH fo

Telephone Numbers

- When referring to a phone number, please use use the extension code (x1234) for on-campus of
- When referring to an 800 number, please use th

Times

- Use numerals in all cases, except for noon and n
- Always lowercase a.m. and p.m. and use period advertising materials, online or when space cons
- Use a colon to separate hours from minutes: 1:3
- Use a hyphen to indicate spans: 2-5 p.m. Use "t
- All times should include the Eastern Time Zone time zones (e.g., a 4:30 p.m. CT event should be needed for the first time reference of a docume

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ers, press releases, memos, letters and correspondences, it with that of the overall brand. The "brand voice" is how the se keep in mind the following guidelines when communicating	PRIMARY BRAND
o has graduated from a school. Alumna (alumnae in the plural, ated from a school. Alumni refers to a group of men and	ADVERTISING
g are abbreviated when used with a specific date: Jan., Feb., nonth when using alone or with a year; no comma is needed When editorial copy includes a month, day and year, place a , UA's mascot, Zippy, won the Capital One Bowl Mascot of the -letter forms are used without a period: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, e only exception is in a formal invitation, where the month may 1, 2010.) v for tabular formats. These three-letter forms are used without	IG APPAREL
commas: Nov. 26, 1990, is his birthday. g spans of decades or centuries: the 1990s, the 1700s. For d numerals: the '70s, the Roaring '20s. except at the start of a paragraph. For example: Zippy has two of all sports.	CORRESPONDENCE
e names in text when they stand alone: California. Use te are included in the text, and place a comma after the city o Steamtown National Historic Site. Eight states are never e, Ohio, Texas and Utah. Note: U.S. Postal Service two-digit or Ohio.	CE DIGITAL MEDIA
the following format: (330) 972-1234. It is also acceptable to correspondence. ne following format: 888-99-AKRON.	STYLE GUIDE
midnight. ls. "AM" and "PM" are acceptable for marketing and straints exist. 30 p.m. Do not use zeros with on-the-hour times: 10 a.m. co" for spans including both a.m. and p.m.: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	
designation ET and should be adjusted for events in different e displayed as 5:30 p.m. ET). The ET abbreviation is only nt.	LOGO CREATION

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BRAND	Titles
PRIMARY BR	 Capitalize and spell out when a title precedes a name (e.g., Associate Athletics Director for Marketing & Promotions Matt Newhouse). It is only necessary to use full titles on first usage and when used before a name. On subsequent references,
PRI	 so long as they are not preceding a name, titles can be shortened (e.g., "associate athletics director"). When shortened, they should be lowercased. Do not capitalize shortened titles (e.g., associate athletics director).
TISING	 Very long titles are more readable when placed after a name. Use "Director of Athletics," not "Athletics Director."
ADVERTISING	When referring to the official website of Akron Athletics, please use GoZips.com. "Go" and "Zips" are always capitalized. Do not include"www." at the beginning of the website address.
	Referencing the Akron Zips by Gender
APPAREL	 Do not refer to Akron women's teams as "Lady Zips." Zips is gender-neutral, and all of our athletics teams are known simply as the Zips. Do not refer to any student-athletes or teams as boys or girls. College student-athletes are over the age of 18 and referred to as men or women.
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AP	Z-FUND When referring to the official fundraising arm of Akron Athletics, please use Z-FUND (always all-caps).
CORRESPONDENCE	AK-ROWDIES When referring to the official student organization of Akron Athletics, please use the AK-ROWDIES (always all- caps).
0	Band
ORRESP	 The marching band is referred to as Ohio's Pride - Marching Band. The pep band is referred to as the Blue and Gold Brass Basketball Band.
0	Permissions
DIGITAL MEDIA	 Do not use current student-athletes' names, images or likenesses on commercial products. It is a violation of NCAA rules and regulations. Do not use references to alcohol, drugs or tobacco-related products in conjunction with University marks.
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Student Organizations and Club Sports

Student organizations are able to identify with The University of Akron on the following conditions:

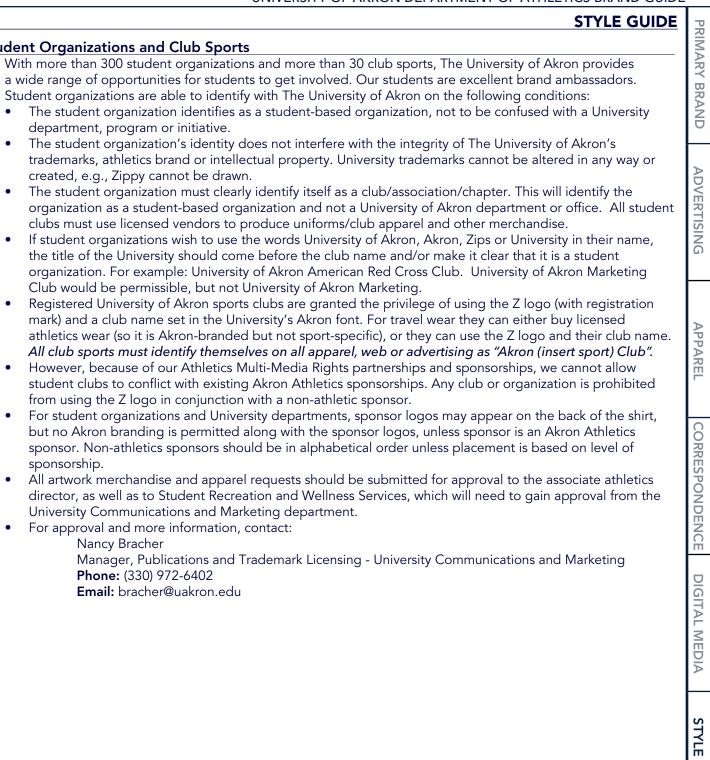
- department, program or initiative.
- created, e.g., Zippy cannot be drawn.
- clubs must use licensed vendors to produce uniforms/club apparel and other merchandise.
- Club would be permissible, but not University of Akron Marketing.
- from using the Z logo in conjunction with a non-athletic sponsor.
- sponsorship.
- ٠ University Communications and Marketing department.
- For approval and more information, contact: Nancy Bracher **Phone:** (330) 972-6402 Email: bracher@uakron.edu

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Logo Creation Overview

In an effort to maintain the overall brand of Akron Athletics, it is important that all new logos follow the guidelines that make up the Akron brand. By following these guidelines, you will be able to create logos that meet brand standards while retaining their freshness and originality, all while promoting the sports and departments of Akron Athletics.

Logo Creation Process

- Before creating a logo, it is important that the person, sport or department creating the logo contact Matt Newhouse, associate athletics director, at (330) 972-6696 to discuss the logo design and to obtain initial approval for the creation of the logo.
- For internal personnel and departments, please contact Newhouse to coordinate the logo creation.
- For individual sports, please contact Newhouse to coordinate the logo creation.
- For third-party vendors, please contact your point-person or Newhouse to coordinate the logo creation.
- When creating a logo, it is important to use the brand guidelines detailed within the Primary Brand portion of this brand guide (pages 3-18).
- It is important that the Z logo be used in every newly created logo. If the Z logo (see page 6) cannot be incorporated into the design, please work with the External Relations Department to find an acceptable alternative. An acceptable alternate logo to use is the Akron Zips logo (see page 6).
- A review process will be completed before the new logo goes into final production. This includes a review by Newhouse, coaches, vendors and any other person for whom the logo will be created. There will not be a set limit on the number of reviews for each new logo.
- Before the logo is placed into circulation, final approval must be obtained through Newhouse. At that time, a set of guidelines can be created to ensure the proper usage of the logo is followed and that the logo is added to the brand guide.



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