

The Knockout Picks branding style is dynamic, flexible and will succeed through careful understanding and consistent implementation. Everyone charged with implementing the brand, including internal marketing or creative teams, external agencies and vendors must understand and follow these brand guidelines.

LOGO USAGE

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE LOGO USAGE

The updated logo removes the shield, sports silhouettes and uses the standard Knockout mark, set with type underneath. This standardizes the logo with other Knockout brands, improves legibility, gives more flexibility in design and increases brand recognition.

Old logo - do not use.



New logo



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LOGO CLEAR SPACE

A clear area around the Knockout Picks logo will ensure that it always has maximum visibility and impact on every communication. Avoid crowding the logo with other graphic elements such as typography and imagery. As illustrated, the capital "K" of the word "Knockout" without the stroke is the standard unit of measurement for calculating the logo clear space.



K provides safe space around the logo

Color background usage

The Knockout Picks one-color logo always appears in one of these palette colors: white or black. Ensure proper contrast when using the logo on backgrounds; black logos may only be used on lightly colored areas, white logo should be used for medium to dark backgrounds.











Image background usage

Correct usage of backgrounds will enhance the impact of the Knockout Picks logo. These guidelines provide standards for placing the logo on a background color or image. Always ensure that there is a strong contrast between the background color or image and the logo.







TYPOGRAPHY

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / PROXIMA NOVA

Introducing our new, corporate typeface, Proxima Nova. We have five fonts: Bold, Semibold, Regular, Light and Thin. It offers a clean font for use in corporate and marketing communications with flexible font weights.

Best practice

Type is set flush left, rag right.

Do not reverse out as text to avoid fill-in and the appearance of broken type.

Italics in any weight is acceptable for the emphasis of a few words, and is never used within headlines.

Proxima Nova	Font	Font Characteristics
AaBbC 123	Bold	High impact, striking
AaBbC 123	Semibold	Bold, confident, assertive
AaBbC 123	Regular	Informative, used for body copy
AaBbC 123	Light	Light touch, nimble, soft sell
AaBbC 123	Thin	Elegant, quiet

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / TRADE GOTHIC LT STD

Trade Gothic is the Knockout Picks branded font. We have five fonts: Bold No. 2, Bold, Medium, Regular and Light. It's a bold font with roots in sports marketing for brands such as Nike.

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Trade Gothic LT STD	Font	Font Characteristics
AaBbC 123	Bold Condensed No. 20 (Black)	High impact, striking
AaBbC 123	Bold No. 2	High impact, striking
AaBbC 123	Bold	Bold, confident, assertive
AaBbC 123	Medium	Informative, used for contrast when coupled with light
AaBbC 123	Regular	Informative, used for body copy
AaBbC 123	Light	Light touch, nimble, soft sell

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / TYPE WEIGHTS

Our five weights for each font allow us to turn up or down the volume of a message, or create an informative or more emotive feeling. A message can be informative or celebratory, nurturing or directive; type style should reflect and support the message.

Emotive •····		Informative		Emotive
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Black	Bold	Medium	Regular	Light	Thin
Black or condensed bold is best used in advertising. Can convey wit, humor, punchiness	Best used in headlines and for emphasis. Makes a statement and conveys confidence.	Also knows as Semibold. Best used for emphasis when Bold creates too strong of a contrast.	Best used in body copy up to 14 pt.,and subheads, data and informational text.	Best used with informational text and body copy over 14 pt. (as in posters)	Best used with informational text and body copy over 14 pt. (as in posters)

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / TYPE STYLE

Consistency across all of our collateral is crucial, type is one of the primary means of achieving it.

ORGANIZED. FLUSH LEFT. RAG RIGHT.

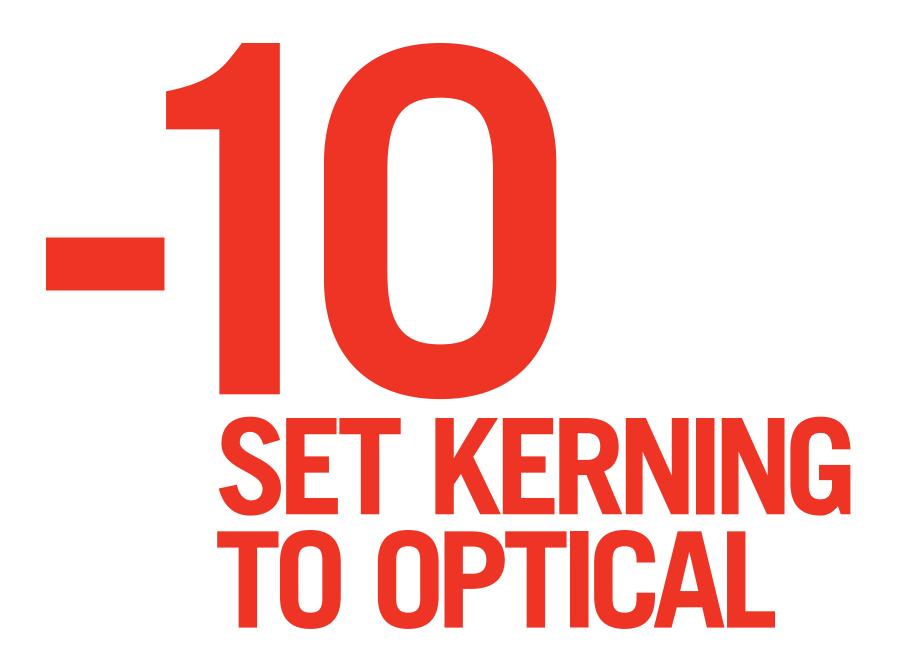
KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / TYPE TRACKING

Print type styles

Tracking is always set at least -20, and up to -50 in larger point sizes, as in headlines and large quotes. Never use the default setting. Set your kerning to optical in the character window.

Web type styles

Since type sizes are smaller in the online forum, tracking may be set at default (0), and at -10 for big headlines.



KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / TYPE LEADING

Leading

Standard leading for body copy and marketing communications is usually set to auto.

Headline leading

Leading is kept tight and is approximately 80% of the font's size for Trade Gothic STD headlines.

Subhead leading

Leading is kept tight and is approximately 90% of the font's size for Proxima Nova subheads.

80%

Font size: 180pt Leading: 144pt

90%

Font size: 48pt Leading: 43pt TRUE FANS DON'T JUST WATCH

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TYPOGRAPHY / FONT USAGE

Fonts are flexible within our system, and can be combined to create interest or for message hierarchy. Weights are never mixed within the same line of text in headlines or quotes. Italics are okay when used for a few words within body copy. Please avoid using italics within headlines.

PICK. PLAY. WIN.

Typical Trade Gothic headline, aligned right with tight leading.

PICK.
PLAY.
WIN.
TRUE FANS DON'T
JUST WATCH

Trade Gothic headline with Proxima Nova Light subhead.

PICK. PLAY. WIN.

Headline font

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, conset petur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ert eget volutpat nulla. Curabitur actoi fermentum leo, ac ornare ligula.

Type size and weight are flexible.

Typical headline with body copy and body header.

HEADLINE.

True fans, make their picks here.

Headline font

Lorem *win today* sit amet, conset petur adipiscing elit. Maecenas ert eget volutpat nulla. Curabitur actoi fermentum leo, ac ornare ligula.

Italics may be used to emphasize a few words within body copy only. Avoid using italics in headlines and subheads.

480%
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, conset petur adipiscing elit ac ornare ligula.

\$250K

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, conset petur adipiscing elit ac ornare ligula.

Type may be used expressively to emphasize facts and statistics.



In very limited instances, type may be used as shown above when statements are short (2-5 words), and when the message is aspirational.

ICONOGRAPHY

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ICONOGRAPHY

1. Color

The Knockout Picks icons can be used in any of the brand colors or tints of the brand colors. They can only be used as a solid color. A single icon should never have multiple colors. The icons should never be filled in - they must remain outlined.

2. Size & Placement

The icons are designed to be legible at small sizes as well as large. Please use your best judgment when determining size and placement of the icons, since this will vary based on the application.

3. Multiple and complex icons

When multiple icons are used together, there should be adequate space left between the icons. Icons can be combined for a more complex topic, but should be treated like a single icon and still follow the icon anatomy rules.























PHOTOGRAPHY

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

Recommended photos

Imagery, voice and tone should be game and fan centric using lighter colors and lifestyle imagery to capture fan and fantasy culture instead of typical dark colors and sports imagery.

Fans and fantasy players









Fantasy culture









Organic and high impact









KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

Do not use

DO NOT USE stock photography that is overly staged, obviously fake and where the subjects are looking at the camera. Do not to use, computer generated images or sports imagery that has saturated the market by competitors.













COLORS & TEXTURES

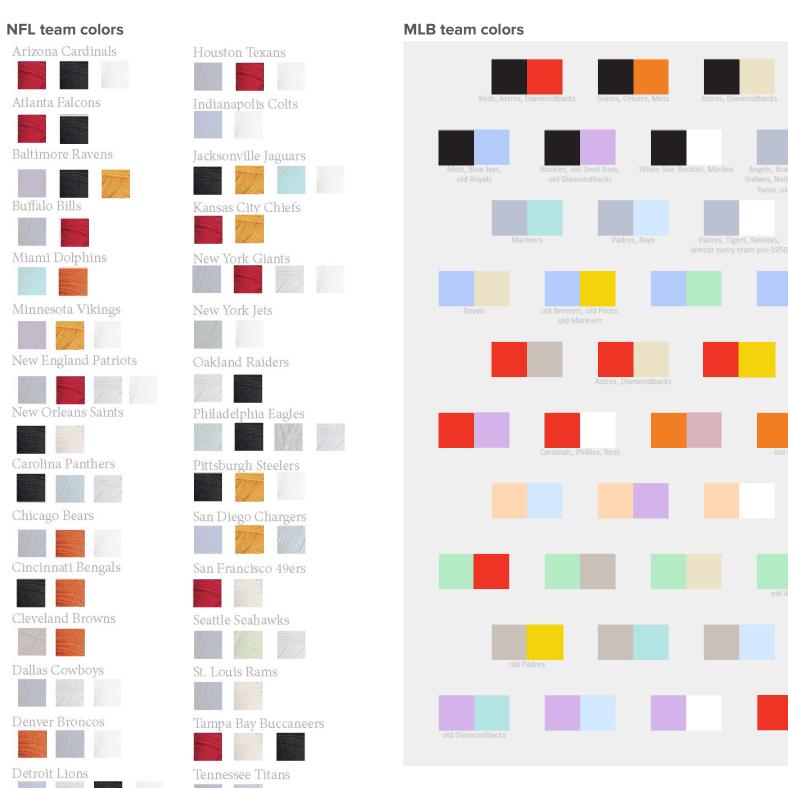
KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE COLORS

Game inspired colors

Green Bay Packers

Washington Redskins

Monetize the audience's passion for the sport and visually connect the creative the each individual game. This gives depth to design without having to use stadium and field images that have saturated the market





COLORS KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE

Game inspired materials, patterns and textures Monetize the audience's passion for the sport and visually connect the creative the each individual game. This gives depth to design

without having to use stadium and field images that have saturated the market

Corporate brand colors



Picks brand colors

These colors are for use in specific campaign materials. Corporate brand colors will be used on all other marketing materials.



KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE TEXTURES / PATTERNS

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Patterns & Textures

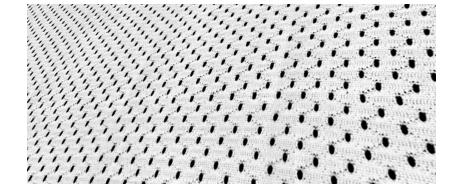












Examples

This example is simple but effective. The colors mixed with patterns/textures that can be used throughout all creative to connect the brand visually.





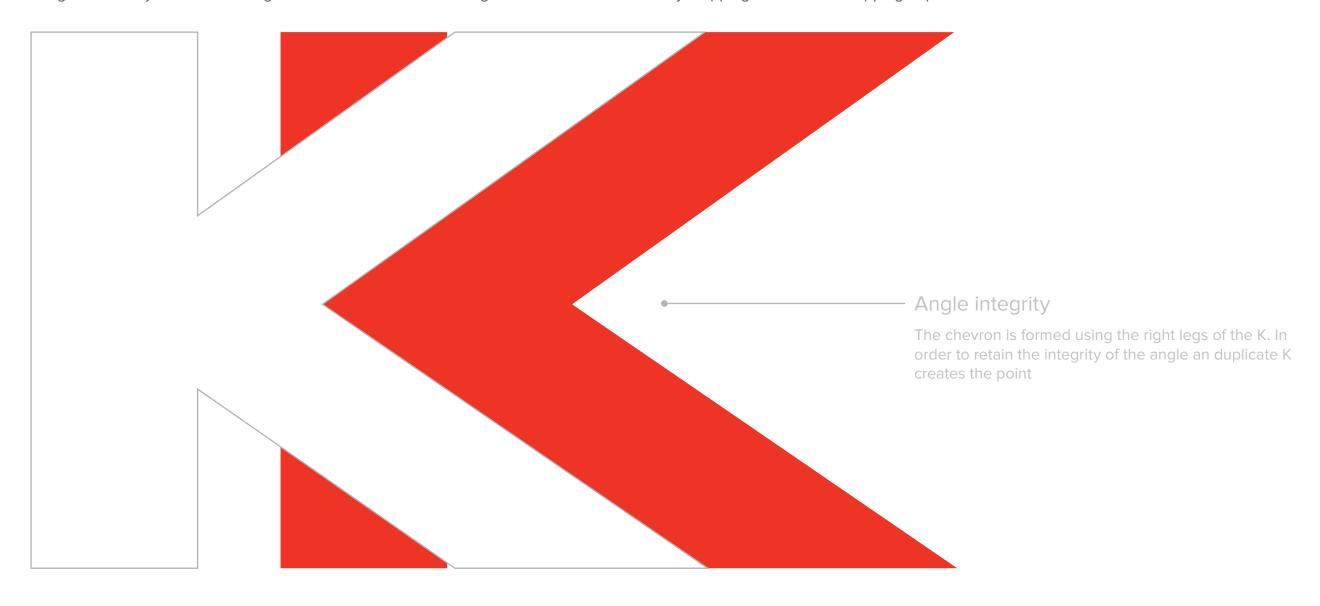


GRAPHICS

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

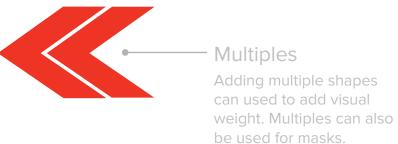
The chevron

The chevron is the primary graphic element that binds the brand visually. The angle, shape and visual form when used repeatedly will bring consistency and brand recognition to the audience. The angle from the "K" is created by cropping it with an overlapping duplicate.



Variants







Layer the shape on top of each other for visual impact, you can add effects, textures and masks.

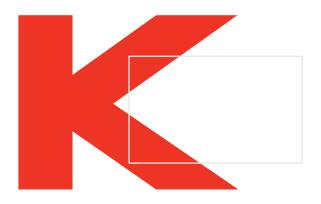


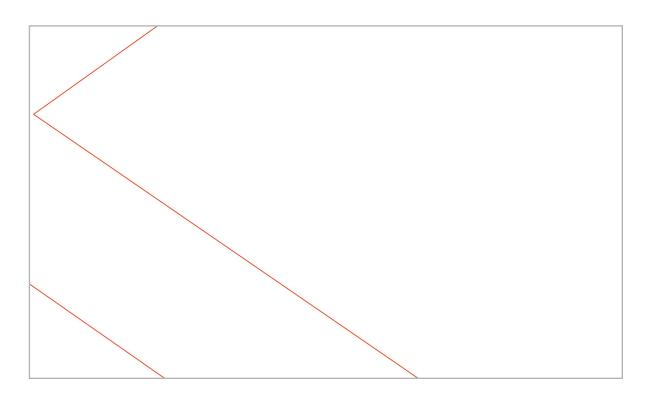
Reversed

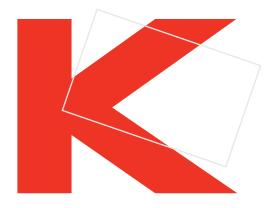
Formed by deleting the left legs of the K and can also be used for masks. Ideal for use in display and social.

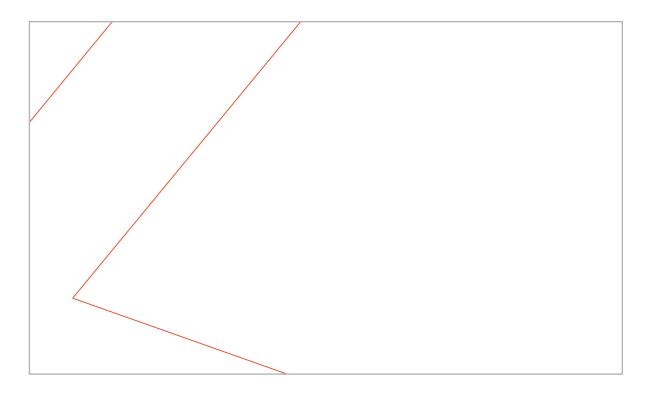
GRAPHIC ELEMENTS KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE

Angles of the chevron
To provide flexibility, the chevron can be used to create visually appealing shapes, masks and overlays. These examples show how angles can be used.









KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

The Line

The line element derives from the chevron and can be used to separate visual elements as a stroke or to create masks and overlays. The line must tilt at a 54.5 degree angle and lean to the right.

Angle integrity

The line is formed using the top portion of the Chevron to preserve the angle. It can be used in different widths, outline, layered to create visual effects.





VOICE

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE **BRAND VOICE & TONE**

Our brand voice is:

Personal

We speak directly to our audience, on a one-to-one basis.

Clear

We communicate simply, directly, factually.

Authentic

We use factual communications grounded in the heritage of individual sports and fan culture.

Bold, Edgy
We are passionate about sports, fantasy, and eager to share that passion and excitement with our audience.

Humorous

We entertain and use edgy humor. The game should be fun, we don't take ourselves or fantasy overly serious.

Our brand tone is:

Conversational

Our brand tone is not:

Cliché

Straightforward

Corporate

Honest

Stuffy

Confident

Overt

Empathetic

KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE **BRAND VOICE & TONE**

> This brand guide contains creative examples with variations of the final tagline and headlines below. All creative is limited to using the approved copy below and cannot edit or change it.

Our brand voice is:

Alternate creative copy can be used as headlines after proper approval but must be paired strategically with the "Pick. Play. Win." tagline or "Small pools. Large payouts."

Pick. Play. Win.

The official tagline of Knockout picks. This is used as a main headline or as a subhead after one of the approved headlines below.

Small pools. Large payouts.

Currently our key differentiator, this headline is paired with creative related to winning in regards to fantasy.

True fans don't just watch.

Used to activate passion for sports and fantasy sports, this headline is used on any creative and paired with the "Pick. Play. Win." tagline.

No balls. No glory.

Male centric, used selectively when targeting male demographics.



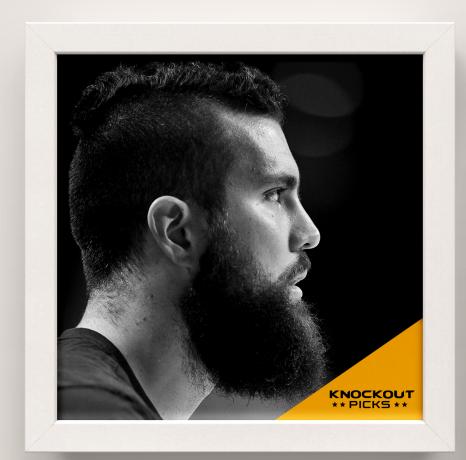
KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE IDENTITY STANDARDS

Creativity with headlines, designs and campaigns are game inspired, using visuals, language, slang and terms that derive from their respected sports. We want consumers to know we understand the sports they are passionate about and play in fantasy.

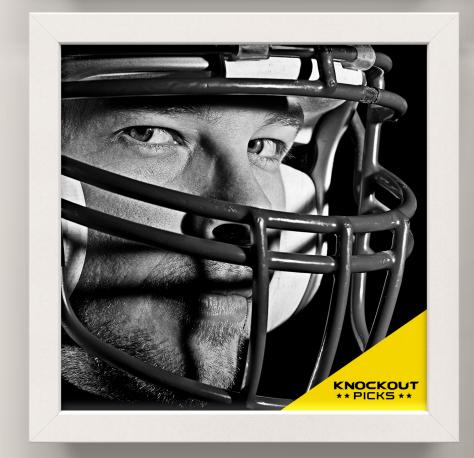














BEEMOTIVE & BOLD

BE EXPRESSIVE AND HAVE PERSONALITY



KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE IDENTITY STANDARDS

To maximize the existing brand equity in all sports marketing we utilize the same bold, emotional and disruptive visuals, voice and tone. We cut through the clutter, are not always politically correct and push the boundaries at all times with our creative.





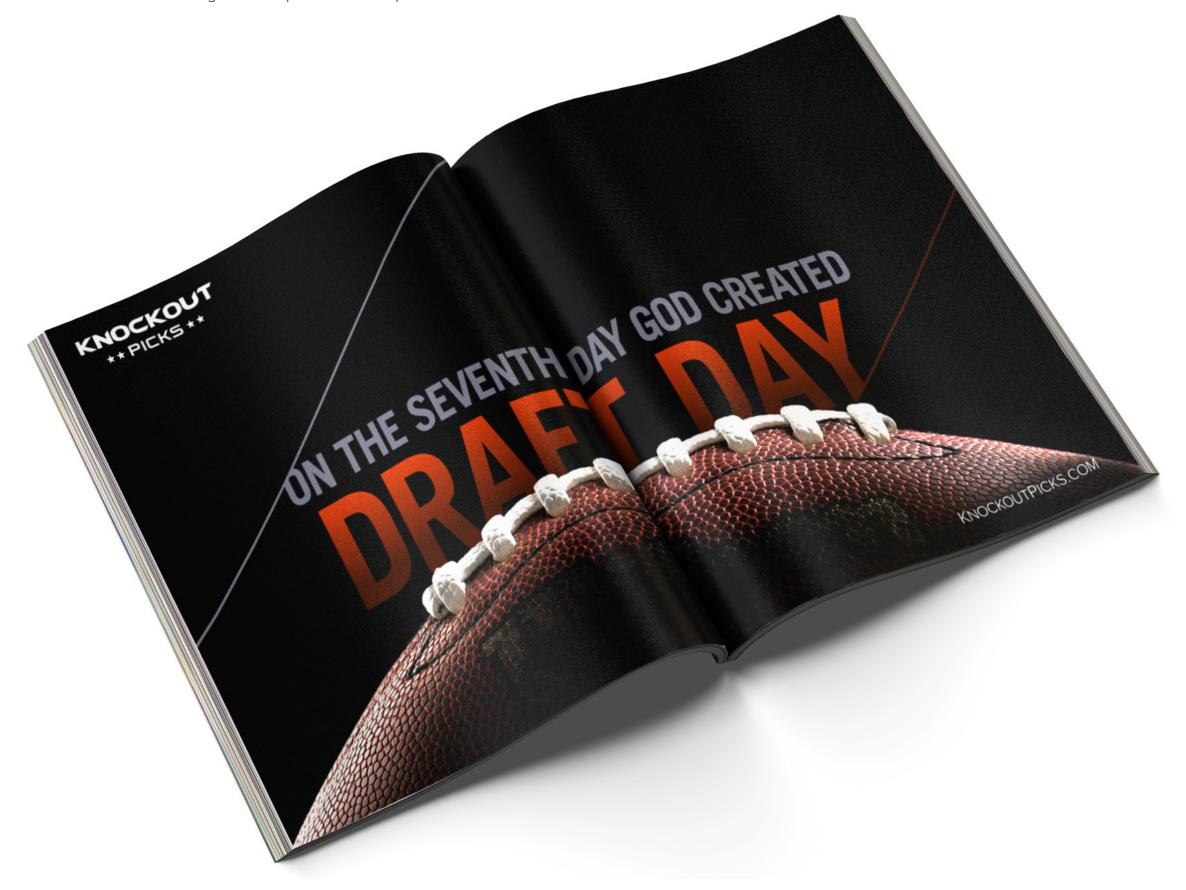




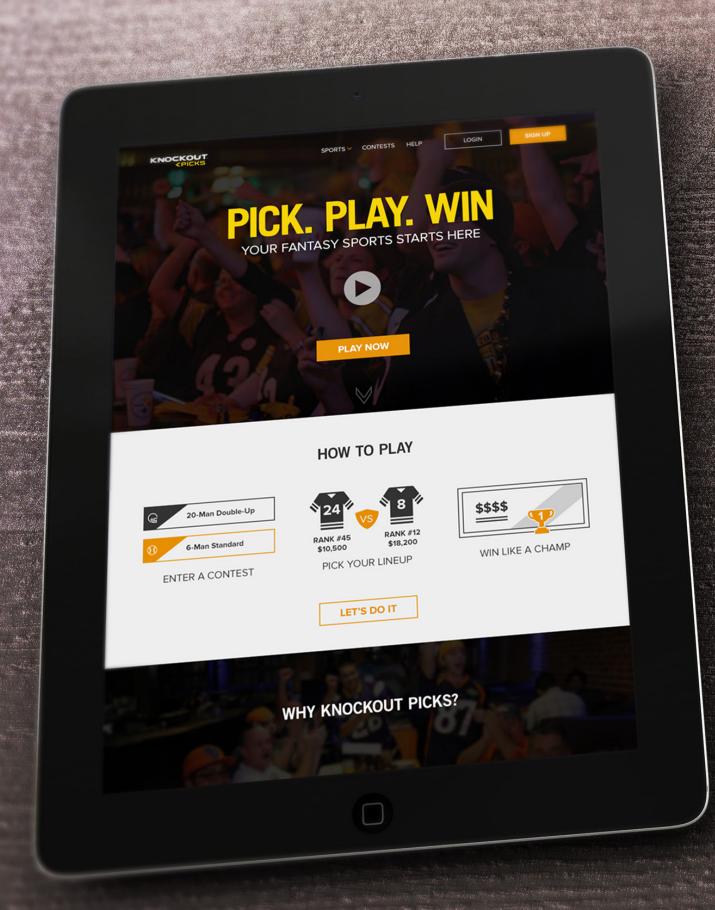


KNOCKOUT PICKS / BRAND GUIDE IDENTITY STANDARDS

There is no competition. We are sleeker, higher quality, cleaner and edgier with carefully thought out creative which captures attention and cuts through the competitive landscape.











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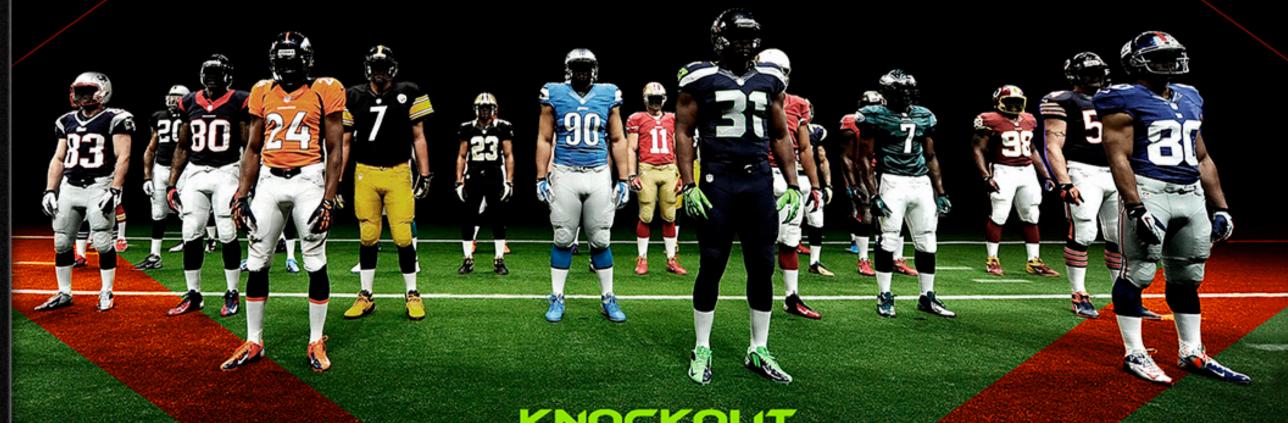
Whether our consumers are fans of the sport, specific teams or fantasy in general our brand caters to their passion, sports culture, fan culture and fantasy sports culture. Each represents a specific segment in our primary and secondary markets and we relate with them emotionally and psychologically.





BE A PLAYER

PICK. PLAY. WIN.



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We are all stewards of our brand guidelines. All implementations of brand must meet the quality of the work that is shown in this guide. Own the space.

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