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1. UC Davis Licensing Program
UC Davis Athletic trademarks use requires permission to reproduce in every aspect, including but not limited to print and other digital representations. This includes the use of marks used on the internet.

Faculty, staff, alumni, fans and supporters of the University who wish to reproduce the mark in any way must contact Doug Kouba for permission in all instances.

1.1 Institutional Control
The UC Davis Athletic trademarks are managed by UC Davis Trademark Licensing Program. Doug Kouba is the principal representative and utilizes the services of the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC). UC Davis's Licensing Program plays a pivotal part in creating, managing and maintaining the Trademarks of the University. CLC helps UC Davis's Licensing Program by processing applications, collecting royalties, enforcing trademarks and pursuing new market opportunities for the University. For more information please visit communicationsguide.ucdavis.edu

1.2 Licensed Vendors
It is required for all vendors that wish to produce merchandise bearing UC Davis trademarks to be licensed through CLC. This policy helps those involved with UC Davis's Trademark Licensing Program to regulate and maintain UC Davis's trademarks. Any vendor or manufacturer who illegally reproduces UC Davis's marks could face serious legal consequences.

1.3 Where To Find A Licensed Vendor
Contact Doug Kouba (email: dkouba@ucdavis.edu) for a list of current licensees for the University's merchandise. You may also visit trademarks.ucdavis.edu. It is typically easier to work with an established University licensee than try and license a new vendor. Both the University and CLC can provide you with information on products produced by all licensees so you can match your needs with the right company. The "Officially Licensed Collegiate Products" hologram label signifies merchandise has passed the standards of quality set forth by the University.

1.4 How To Become A Licensed Vendor
To start the process of becoming a licensed vendor, visit trademarks.ucdavis.edu and complete the online application form.

1.5 Following The Rules Helps Everyone
CLC generates royalties that return to UC Davis. They are shared between intercollegiate athletics and strategic communications. When unlicensed products are sold, UC Davis does not receive any royalties. Therefore, it is important to stop the sale of unlicensed merchandise to protect UC Davis and the integrity of its trademarks.
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2 Trademarks and Management

2.1 Managing UC Davis Visual Graphic Standards
Rocko DeLuca has been charged with the responsibility of managing all Trademark graphic standards. Interpretation of the standards in this manual rests solely with UC Davis’s Licensing Program. If you have any questions regarding any visual or graphical elements contact Rocko DeLuca at rdeluca@ucdavis.edu.

2.2 Athletic Trademark Usage
UC Davis Athletics desires all responsible users to have easy access to all trademarks for appropriate usage. We want to ensure users understand the guidelines that must be followed when using athletic trademarks.

2.3 Trademarked Letters And Words
Trademarked letters and words include:
1. UC Davis Athletics
2. UC Davis (all varsity sport names)
3. Aggies
4. Ags
5. Gunrock

2.4 Athletic Marks
UC Davis Athletics has identified one primary and one secondary athletic mark with specific terms on usage defined in this manual. The two marks are the defining graphic symbols for UC Davis Athletics. Athletic Marks are not to be used as a general substitute for UC Davis Academic Marks.

The Athletic Mark is used to:
1. Market UC Davis Varsity Intercollegiate Athletics
2. Create a campus & community spirit-oriented atmosphere

2.4.1 Campus Recreation & Club Sports
Varsity athletic marks are reserved solely for UC Davis Athletics 25 NCAA Division 1 programs. All non varsity sport programs including campus recreation & club sports are not authorized to use UC Davis Athletic marks defined in this guide unless granted an exception by Rocko DeLuca (rdeluca@ucdavis.edu).
3.2 UC Davis Athletics Headline and Display Font: Invader
The font used within the UC Davis athletic identity is Invader 2014. This typeface is the preferred choice for headlines, uniforms, and display applications within print collateral, digital media and support materials. Invader 2014 should not be used for anything needing lowercase font. Invader spacing is not consistent throughout. When using Adobe programs, set the kerning from METRICS to OPTICAL strator to manually adjust spacing between

3.2.1 Numbers
Numbers using Invader are only permissible on uniforms or design materials where the number is the

3.2.2 Punctuation
If punctuation is needed when using Invader font, default to Proxima Nova Extra Bold punctuation only permissible on uniforms or design materials where the number is the
marks.
EXAMPLE: **HURRY! BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY.**

### 3.3 UC Davis Athletics Primary Font: Proxima Nova (Extra Bold)

In conjunction with the University, the primary font of UC Davis Athletics is Proxima Nova. This typeface is to be used in signage, subheaders and text body. It should also be used for underlining athletic verbiage and sport names within the Primary and Secondary Marks.

### 3.4 Secondary Typeface: Ryman Econ'

Aligning with the UC Davis campus fonts, a secondary font to Proxima Nova can be Ryman Eco, best used with headers, subheads, and larger body text.

![Example Characters]
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4 The Primary Athletic Mark

4.1 Fonts & Spacing
The Primary Athletic Mark allows for UC Davis to stand alone or have an athletics approved subheader. UC Davis is in invader font, with any subheader scaled to ¼ height of UC Davis in Proxima Nova (Extra Bold) font. The subheader should have kerning set to 750 and cannot extend in width past the words ‘UC Davis’.

4.1.1 Approved subheaders
The word Athletics, Aggies, as well as all UC Davis varsity sport programs are the only approved subheaders when using the Primary Athletic Mark.

4.2 One or Two Color Version
The Primary Athletic Mark has a maximum of two colors as defined below with approved background combinations. The ‘UC Davis’ portion of the mark can be filled or outlined, but any approved words below the ‘UC Davis’ portion of the logo must be solid.
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5 The Secondary Athletic Mark

5.1 Fonts & Spacing
The Secondary Athletic Mark can stand alone or have an athletics approved subheader, scaled to \( \frac{1}{4} \) height of the mark in Proxima Nova (Extra Bold) font.

5.1.1 Approved subheaders
The word Athletics, Aggies as well as all UC Davis varsity sport programs are the only approved subheaders when using the Secondary Athletic Mark.

5.2 One Color Version
The Secondary Athletic Mark can only be featured in one color as defined below with approved background combinations. The logo must be solid filled.

5.2.1 Uniform/Equipment Outline
When using the Secondary Athletic Mark on equipment or uniforms, an outline may be added to provide contrast as defined below.
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6. Using The Marks

6.1 Mark Minimum Width
Every effort should be made to make sure the marks are recognizable. For print, we ask that the marks are at least .5 inches. When using on the web, minimally 50 pixels. Please keep screen print to at least 1 inch and embroidery to minimally 2.5 inches.

6.2 Separation From Other Media
There must be minimum space around the mark for separation from other text and media that would interfere with the shape of the mark. The minimum measurement is 1/4 inch.

6.3 Placement
The Athletic Marks should always be placed facing right except when positioned on objects or apparel when left is perceived as facing forward.

6.4 Primary And Secondary Mark With Text
Every attempt should be made to separate the athletic marks from text.
6.5 Primary And Secondary Mark With Photos
When placing the mark on a photo, make sure it is in a location that has little contrast, preferably in an area that is considered negative space. Negative space would be an area of the photo that isn’t the focal point or where your eye is attracted to. Never cover faces, or main focal points of a photo with text, trademarks, or graphic elements. See examples below.

![Image showing correct and incorrect placement of marks on photos.]

6.6 Use of Primary and Secondary Athletics Marks Together
Primary and Secondary Athletics Marks cannot be combined on the same panel/surface. It is permitted to use both marks as long as there is distinct separation where each mark is serving a unique purpose. See examples below:

- One surface with distinct purpose for dual markings.
- Two distinct surfaces: Front & Sleeve

![Image showing examples of single and dual surfaces.]

6.7 Use of UC Davis Athletics Marks in Partnership with University Marks
It is not permissible to combine University marks with Athletics marks unless granted permission from both Athletics and the University department/division. If permission is granted, University and Athletics marks must be on separate panels/surfaces/lines.

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EX: Athletics mark on front panel & University mark on side panel.
7 Unacceptable Uses

7.1 Incorrect Trademark Use
The Athletic Marks have been carefully designed to ensure we are meeting our goals as a department, proving consistency and growth of our brand. Any alteration to the mark is unacceptable including but not limited to:

1. Use of unapproved fonts for trademarked names.
2. Use of unapproved fonts with the Athletic Marks
3. Adding borders
4. Distorting in any way
5. Adding drop shadows or inner shadows
6. Changing colors
7. Adding extra elements to the mark
8. Hand drawing or recreating the mark in any way
9. Cropping the mark
10. Integrating patterns
11. Filling in the logo with alternate gradients, patterns, lines

Unacceptable use examples:

7.2 Former Athletic Marks
The marks below are being phased out of use. Replace any digital media that utilizes these marks with the Primary and Secondary Athletic Marks and text defined in this manual. As we update print material and our facilities, the following logos will transition.
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8 Special Use Cases

8.1 Special Use Case Athletics Affiliated Marks
Athletics holds the right to use the following marks in conjunction with special programming and/or distinct units within athletics. Outside of the defined use below, all use of the following marks must have approval by Rocko DeLuca (rdelucha@ucdavis.edu)

Baby Gunrock – Junior Aggies Program

Aggie EVO – Student-Athletes Outcomes Program

Flag CA – Select Salute to Heroes Games And National Holidays

Davis Script – Select Throwback Games

Flag Davis Script – Select Salute to Heroes Games And National Holidays