



WESTCONN

ATHLETICS BRAND GUIDELINES

WELCOME TO WESTCONN ATHLETICS BRAND GUIDELINES

Never edit, change, touch up or in any way modify our logo.

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a black pencil, poised to write on a white sheet of paper. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame. In the upper left corner, a black pencil case is visible, containing several colored pencils. The background is a dark wooden surface. The overall lighting is soft and focused on the hand and pencil.

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WESTCONN ATHLETICS RULES

- We are one community. Whenever possible, use the word Wolves.
- All outward-facing visual branding is only Wolves.
- Clothing and gear can have the word WestConn, but never use the undesigned logo/text or incorrect font of WestConn and Wolves--there are logos for your use. Do not design your own!

WRITING

The word WestConn is used ONLY for Div III sports.

When referencing Western Connecticut State University's Athletics, it needs to be referenced first as WestConn. When referencing Athletics as an organization or entity, use WestConn. When referencing WestConn Athletics second, it can simply be referred to as WestConn or Wolves.

Welcome to WestConn Athletics brand guide. This document serves as a resource for understanding when referencing Athletics individually or a specific department, use WestConn. and applying the WestConn brand identity.

When referencing or marketing the University Athletics department, always use WestConn Athletics or WestConn - DO NOT use Western Connecticut State University Athletics.

DESIGN ASSETS



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PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

This is WestConn Athletics primary logo. To establish brand consistency, it should be used whenever possible to represent WestConn Athletics as a whole.

Its construction allows for maximum versatility and usage, either on its own or as a part of a larger system.

Preferred Full-Color Logo

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as PowerPoint presentations, digital or video.

Reverse (Knockout) Logos

Use the reverse logos for applications on color or photographic backgrounds. Always ensure that the background you choose provides sufficient contrast for the logo.

FULL-COLOR LOGO



REVERSE LOGOS



ALTERNATE ATHLETICS WESTCONN LOGOS

These are WestConn Athletics alternate logos. They should be used whenever using the primary logo is not possible due to spacing restrictions, etc.

Within the Shield

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

The size of the shield here is 4x the wordmark stacked. Contents inside the shield should always be centered.

Word Mark

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

This is an acceptable use of the wordmark combined with the W icon. The size of the gray W icon is 2x the wordmark stacked and centered with the wordmark.

This wordmark alone can be used on both home and away uniforms.

FULL-COLOR LOGO



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SHIELD LOGO VARIATIONS

This is the WestConn Athletics shield icon logo and its approved color variations.

Preferred Full-Color Logo

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

One-Color Logos

Use the reverse logos for applications on color or photographic backgrounds. Always ensure that the background you choose provides sufficient contrast for the logo.

FULL-COLOR SHIELD LOGO



"W" ICON LOGO VARIATIONS

This is the WestConn Athletics "W" icon logo and its approved color variations. Its compact construction allows for maximum versatility and usage, either on its own or as a part of a larger system.

Preferred Full-Color Logo

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

One-Color Logos

Use the reverse logos for applications on color or photographic backgrounds. Always ensure that the background you choose provides sufficient contrast for the logo.

FULL-COLOR "W" LOGO

MINIMUM SIZE — PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

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PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

Print 1.25 in



Digital 150px



**MINIMUM SIZE — ALTERNATE ATHLETICS
WESTCONN AND COLONIAL LOGOS**

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ALTERNATE ATHLETICS LOGOS

Print 1.25 in



Digital 150px



Print 2 in



Digital 250px



MINIMUM SIZE — SHIELD & W LOGO ICONS

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When utilizing the stroke, the W as an icon or the wordmark as a whole should never be scaled smaller than 1/2 inch. **If the W or wordmark contains no stroke**, it can be scaled down to a size of 1/4 inch.

ICONS

Print 3/4 in



Digital 72px



Print 1/2 in



Digital 48px



Print 1/4 in



Digital 24px



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS LOGOS

These are the WestConn Athletic departments logo lockup variations. These should be used whenever representing an athletic department.

Preferred Full-Color Logo

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

Lock Up

These are all acceptable uses of the WestConn Athletics logo locked up with a specific athletic department. The department name is always shown in **Montserrat Bold** with a **Kerning of 380 pt.** The name size should be **1/3 of the primary logo wordmark**. The space between the primary wordmark and department is as tall as the department letters.

FULL-COLOR DEPARTMENT LOGOS



CLEAR SPACE

Whenever you use the logo, it should be surrounded with clear space to ensure its visibility and impact. No graphic elements of any kind should appear inside this zone.

Clear space in primary logo and wordmark logo equals the height of "W" in "WESTCONN" (X).

Clear space in shield logo equals the height of two stacked W's in "WESTCONN" (in gray).

The clear space rule applies to all WestConn Athletics logos.



INCORRECT LOGO USE

Do not modify, change or edit the logo in any way.

Correct and consistent use of the primary logo is an essential part of building brand equity. While a great deal of flexibility has been built into the visual identity system, the correct use of each element has been carefully defined.

The examples shown here represent some—but not all—of the ways the WestConn Athletics logos might be used incorrectly. If you have questions about the correct or incorrect use of the school's logos, contact **The Office of Communications and Marketing**.

Incorrect logo rules apply to all WestConn Athletics logos.



DO NOT add a drop shadow or any other effects to the logo.



DO NOT place the primary logo in a container shape of any type.



DO NOT break up and/or stack the wordmark.



DO NOT use unapproved color configurations of the logo.



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DO NOT change the typeface of any part of the logo.



DO NOT break up the logo and place the shield next to the wordmark.



DO NOT place the logo on a color that does not provide sufficient contrast or on visually distracting backgrounds.

COLOR PALETTE

Primary Colors

The primary colors of WestConn Athletics are deep blue and starburst orange. The current blue was inspired by the past athletics color palette, this being a truer blue in color. The bright orange was chosen to replace the past brown "brick" color to add some excitement to this new color palette and WestConn Athletics as a whole.

Secondary Colors

WestConn Athletics has Cool Gray as a secondary color to support the deep blue and starburst orange. While the secondary color does not represent WestConn as a whole, it can be used to supplement marketing campaigns, apparel, and various communications as needed.

In Print

Use the Pantone Coated (C) and CMYK Coated formulas when printing on coated paper stock.

Use Pantone Uncoated (U) and CMYK Uncoated formulas when printing on uncoated stock.

PRIMARY COLORS



DEEP BLUE

PMS 295 C

C100 **M**85 **Y**35 **K**40

R0 **G**40 **B**86

HEX #002856



STARBURST ORANGE

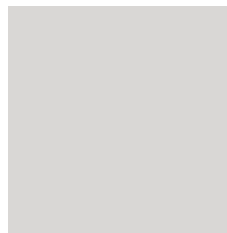
PMS 1655 C

C0 **M**85 **Y**100 **K**40

R255 **G**80 **B**0

HEX #FF4D00

SECONDARY COLORS



PMS Cool Gray 1 C

C15 **M**10 **Y**12 **K**0

R217 **G**216 **B**214

HEX #D9D8D6

TYPEFACES

Earth A.D. After Disaster

Earth A.D. After Disaster is an authentic, tall, condensed face with an athletic feel. Earth A.D. After Disaster is the **primary typeface for all numbers** on WestConn uniforms and apparel. It **should not** be used as anything other than for numbering.

Montserrat

Montserrat is a simple and versatile sans serif font with a modern feel. This secondary family of fonts is a flexible system available for use in the WestConn Athletics brand. All weights and faces are available for use, but should be used with discretion where appropriate. Montserrat is the **primary typeface for body copy** in marketing materials in print and on web.

Montserrat Bold is also the **primary typeface for athletic department names** when locking up with the "WESTCONN" or "COLONIALS" wordmark logo.

The wordmark "WESTCONN" is a customized wordmark.

It cannot be typed out.

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MONTSEERRAT

Thin
Thin Italic
 ExtraLight
ExtraLight Italic
 Light
Light Italic
 Regular
Italic
 Medium
Medium Italic
 SemiBold
SemiBold Italic
 Bold
Bold Italic
 ExtraBold
ExtraBold Italic
 Black
Black Italic

PHOTOGRAPHY

Utilizing the following photography principles is essential in consistently presenting the WestConn Athletics brand. All photo choices should aim to make an emotional connection with the viewer, while still feeling genuine and authentic. Shots of individuals should show them in action, confident, aggressive, working hard to achieve a goal, overcoming adversity, or celebrating. Group photos should highlight teamwork by showing individuals interaction with one another. **All photos should have minimal backgrounds if possible.**

Have a Natural Light Source:

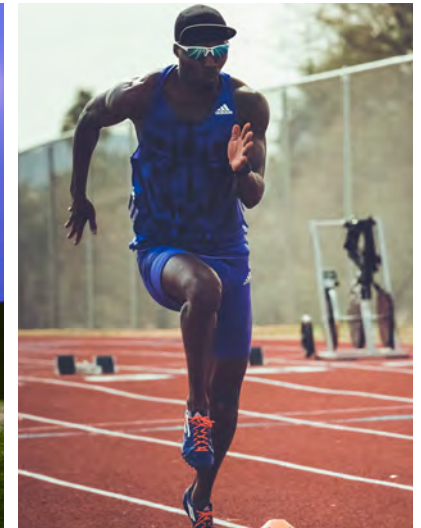
Both indoor and outdoor shots should use a natural light source with an easily identifiable direction.

Use a Slightly Indirect Camera Angle:

Unusual or unexpected indirect camera angles that imply aspiration or accomplishment add a uniquely energetic quality to the composition.

Use Shallow Depth of Field:

Whenever possible, photographs should show dimension, a sense of space and environment using a shallow depth of field.



SOCIAL ICONS

When choosing a profile picture on a WestConn Athletics social media account, choose from the following approved color variations. Make sure the "W" icon has enough padding and does not touch the edges of the contained space.

For further questions contact **The Office of Marketing and Public Relations**.

ACCEPTABLE SOCIAL ICONS



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If you have any questions as you help craft our brand, please contact:

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BRAND GUIDELINES

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DESIGN ASSETS

Do NOT touch up, edit or
mix-&-match mascot
logo!



PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

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Its construction allows for maximum versatility and usage, either on its own or as a part of a larger system.

FULL-COLOR LOGO



REVERSE LOGOS

Preferred Full-Color Logo

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as PowerPoint presentations, digital or video.

Reverse (Knockout) Logos

Use the reverse logos for applications on color or photographic backgrounds. Always ensure that the background you choose provides sufficient contrast for the logo.



ALTERNATE WOLVES LOGOS

These are WestConn Wolves alternate logos. They should be used whenever using the primary logo is not possible.

Colors

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

None of the colors should be changed. Only use the different color variations that are provided to you by the Communications and Marketing Department.

FULL-COLOR LOGO



ALTERNATE WESTCONN WOLVES LOGOS

These are the alternate Wolves logos. They are available to use whenever needing to reference WestConn Athletics.

Paw prints are ok to use as long as they are in brand colors.



Full Body wolf only to be used as an accent, not with team name.



Word Mark

The Pantone, CMYK or RGB full-color logos are preferred. Use Pantone or CMYK for any print use such as collateral or apparel. Use RGB for electronic use such as digital or video.

The only variations that should be used are the variations that are provided to you by the Communications and Marketing Department.

The only color to never change is the inner blue outline. If using that variation/outline, it should always remain blue.

FULL-COLOR LOGO



MINIMUM SIZE — PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

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PRIMARY ATHLETICS LOGO

Print 1.25 in



Digital 150px



**MINIMUM SIZE — ALTERNATE ATHLETICS
WESTCONN WOLVES LOGOS**

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ALTERNATE WOLVES LOGOS

Print 2 in



Digital 250px



Print 2 in



Digital 250px



Print 1.25 in



Digital 150px



Print 2 in



Digital 250px



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS LOGOS

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Preferred Full-Color Logo

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Lock Up

These are all acceptable uses of the WestConn Wolves logo locked up with a specific athletic department. The department name is always shown in **Montserrat SemiBold** with a **kerning of 150 pt.** The space between the primary wordmark and department is as tall as the department letters.

FULL-COLOR DEPARTMENT LOGOS

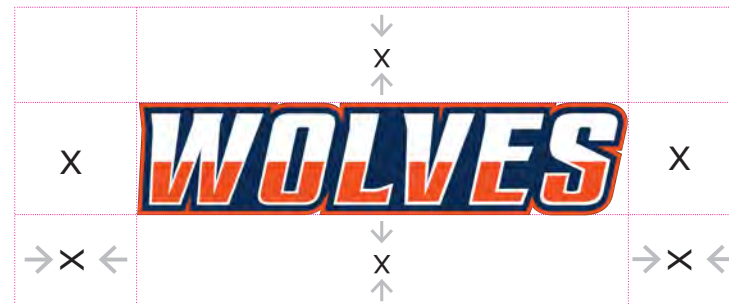


CLEAR SPACE

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Clear space in primary logo and wordmark logo equals the height of "W" in "WOLVES" (X).

The clear space rule applies to all WestConn Wolves logos.



INCORRECT LOGO USE

Simply put: **do not change or modify the logo.**

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DO NOT add a drop shadow or any other effects to the logo.



DO NOT place the primary logo in a container shape of any type.



DO NOT place the logo on a color that doesn't contrast.



DO NOT use unapproved color configurations of the logo.



ANY WORDS AT ALL

DO NOT add additional information to the primary logo at all.



DO NOT change the typeface of any part of the logo.



SPORTS TEAM

DO NOT place sports team names below any image other than the WOLVES sports team images provided by Communications and Marketing.



Team Name

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COLOR PALETTE

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Secondary Colors

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In Print

Use the Pantone Coated (C) and CMYK Coated formulas when printing on coated paper stock. Use Pantone Uncoated (U) and CMYK Uncoated formulas when printing on uncoated stock.

PRIMARY COLORS



DEEP BLUE

PMS 295 C

C100 **M**85 **Y**35 **K**40

R0 **G**40 **B**86

HEX #002856



STARBURST ORANGE

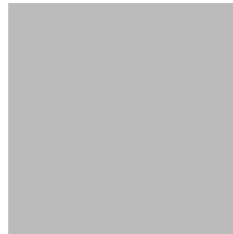
PMS 1655 C

C0 **M**85 **Y**100 **K**40

R255 **G**80 **B**0

HEX #FF4D00

SECONDARY COLORS



PMS Cool Gray 4 C

C27 **M**21 **Y**22 **K**0

R187 **G**187 **B**187

HEX #bbbbbb

SOCIAL ICONS

When choosing a profile picture on a WestConn Athletics social media account, choose from the following approved color variations. Make sure the Wolf icon has enough padding and does not touch the edges of the contained space.

For further questions contact **The Office of Communications and Marketing**.

The Mascot wolf head and the wolves text can only be separated under special circumstances, **pending Communications & Marketing and Athletic approval.**

ACCEPTABLE SOCIAL ICONS





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