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## **OAKLEY® NAMED AN OFFICIAL ON-FIELD PARTNER AND LICENSEE OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

*Oakley To Provide Technologically-Advanced Shields and Eyewear Powered by Prizm™ Lens Technology for the NFL's 32 Teams, Personnel, Officials and Fans*

**August 27, 2019, Foothill Ranch, California** – Today, Oakley® announced a monumental four-year partnership with the National Football League, becoming an official on-field partner and licensee of the NFL. The partnership – the biggest sports deal in the brand's history – will commence at the start of the forthcoming football season, with Oakley shields and eyewear Powered by Prizm™ Lens Technology being available for all 32 teams, as well as making Officially Licensed NFL Eyewear available for fans.

As a brand rooted in sport performance optics, Oakley's primary focus for the partnership is to deliver leading lens technology to the game, as well as to consumers around the world. In such a fast-paced sport where quick decision-making is key and clear vision is crucial, Oakley shields are designed to enhance performance, and we are working with the NFL to improve the safety of NFL players. Then for everyday life, Oakley's lifestyle and sport eyewear will provide everyday athletes the chance to experience the same benefits of Prizm – making the world and their respective sport environments look vivid and vibrant and revealing nuances that would normally be missed by the naked eye.

"The Oakley brand started in stadiums and now we will continue our brand journey inside the biggest and most relevant stadiums in North America: football stadiums," Benjamin Goss, Oakley's Global Marketing Director. "We are thrilled to partner with the National Football League and its players to push the boundaries of performance and help them see the game differently through Prizm."

As part of the partnership, for the first time in NFL history, all players will have the option of wearing Prizm Clear shields during games. Prizm Clear, grounded in decades of research, has a slight color tint engineered to help optimize detail recognition in the football environment. As the sport and shields evolve, Oakley's Prizm Lens Technology will be at the forefront of football gear.

"We see Oakley as an ideal partner because we're united by the same goal: supporting some of the world's best athletes in their quest for elite performance," said Renie Anderson, Chief Revenue Officer & EVP, NFL Partnerships. "Our game is faster and precision is more fundamental than ever, and Oakley provides the technologically-advanced gear that players, coaches and personnel need for peak performance."

In order to showcase the benefits of Prizm Clear, Oakley launched a new brand film, putting the audience on to the NFL field and letting them experience what the world's best football players will see through Prizm during a game. To achieve this, the brand created a variety of custom POV camera rigs to bring the experience to life through the eyes of Team Oakley athletes, including 2018 NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes II of the Kansas City Chiefs, JuJu Smith-Schuster and Derwin James Jr. of the Los Angeles Chargers.

View the new campaign [HERE](#).

Oakley develops products and technologies designed to meet the performance demands of the world's best athletes, but also makes those same innovations available for athletes of all levels. Now that Oakley is an official on-field eyewear partner of the NFL, fans will have access to the same eyewear technology that they see on the sidelines of the NFL.



Additionally, as Oakley is an official licensee, fans can now represent their favorite team with a special-edition NFL eyewear collection from Oakley, available for all 32 teams in two men's styles, Holbrook™ and Flak® 2.0 XL, and seven teams in a women's style, Low Key. The special-edition NFL eyewear collection comes equipped with Prizm, official team logo etched on the lens and team color accents throughout. Fans can also customize select frames with the Oakley Custom Program, building a unique piece of eyewear with their NFL team's logo and preferred colors.

To celebrate the landmark partnership, Oakley took over New York City's iconic Times Square on the evening of August 26, hosting some of football's most influential personalities and athletes, both past and present, for a spectacular launch moment.

In an immersive and impactful 360 experience, the giant billboards in Times Square went dark, creating a disruptive blackout moment. The area then quickly roared back to life as a larger-than-life visual spectacle showcasing Mahomes, Smith-Schuster and James in a creatively-orchestrated and high-energy content piece specially developed to run across the various screens.

Following the dramatic content piece, Oakley announced that the brand is now a proud partner of the New York Giants, welcoming the Giants to the stage in the heart of their city.

Mahomes joined Team Oakley earlier this year and was the brand's first ever contracted NFL player. Oakley further bolstered their football roster with the signings of Wide Receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster and Los Angeles Chargers All-Pro Safety Derwin James Jr. In addition to being an official on-field partner of the League, the brand is also a proud partner of the Kansas City Chiefs, Los Angeles Chargers and New York Giants.

Oakley has produced football shields for helmets for more than 20 years, bringing the brand's leading optical innovations to athletes of all levels. The brand is excited to be a part of the NFL and continue to expand within the sport.

For more information on Oakley's football and lifestyle collections, Prizm Lens Technology and Team Oakley, please visit: [Oakley.com](http://Oakley.com).

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**About Oakley, Inc.**

Established in 1975 and headquartered in Southern California, Oakley is one of the leading product design and sport performance brands in the world. The holder of more than 800 patents, Oakley is a culture of creators, inventors, idealists and scientists obsessed with using design and innovation to create products and experiences that inspire greatness. This philosophy has made Oakley one of the most iconic and inimitable brands on the market, with products that world-class athletes around the globe depend on to compete at the highest level possible. Oakley is known for its High Definition Optics®, which features unparalleled optical clarity and precision along with impact resistance and UV protection, incorporated into all of the brand's sun, prescription eyewear and premium goggles. Oakley extended its position as one of the world's leading sports eyewear brand into apparel and accessories. Oakley has men's and women's product lines that appeal to Sports Performance, Active and Lifestyle consumers. Oakley is a subsidiary of Luxottica Group. Additional information is available at [www.oakley.com](http://www.oakley.com).



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