

Basically Business

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Make Sure Your Mail Gets Read: Creating Effective Campaigns

Post Grid¹ reports that 82% of customers trust direct mail, with a whopping 29% ROI, but Small Biz Genius² found that only 42.4% of recipients read or scan their mail. Your campaign's effectiveness relies on it being enticing enough to open. Here are some strategies for boosting your direct mail's open and read rates.

Personalization is Key

Personalization sways recipients. Include content that reflects their needs and details like the recipient's name, product/service recommendations, or exclusive deals.

Invest in Your Design

With mailboxes filled with bills, advertisements and junk mail, your mailer needs to stand out. Bright colors, unique shapes and creative designs encourage engagement.

Timing Matters

Timing significantly impacts your mailer's effectiveness so consider seasonality, holidays, and weekend vs. weekday delivery. Audiences may be less receptive to summer deals in the winter, while mailers sent during busy holiday periods may get overlooked.

The Importance of Quality

Recipients are more likely to respond to clear, concise messaging on premium paper and envelopes. High-quality materials featuring superior, vibrantly colored graphics communicate professionalism and that you value your audience.

Test & Track

Discover what resonates with audiences by testing designs, messaging or special

offers. Tracking multiple variables helps you see delivery rates and conversions.

A well-constructed direct mail campaign can effectively showcase your brand and drive results.

¹https://www.postgrid.com/direct-mail-statistics/ ²https://www.smallbizgenius.net/by-the-numbers/directmail-statistics/





Marketing Insights

5 Budget-Friendly Marketing Ideas

Whether you're running a start-up or your tried-and-true marketing tactics aren't performing as well as they should, these easy inexpensive tactics can help raise your profile in unexpected new ways. In some cases, you may even be reaching a whole new audience.

1. Take Speaking Engagements

Promote your expertise and your company's offerings at speaking events. Local libraries, industry associations, chambers of commerce, and colleges frequently need expert speakers.

2. Repurpose Existing Content

It's hard to overstate the impact great content can have on your business. Consider creative ways to repurpose some of your existing, high-performing content to help you stretch your budget.

 Use short, 15-second clips from a webinar to create social media stories Leverage brochure content to create product descriptions for your website or online store

3. Engage Online

Engage with followers and would-be customers in relevant social channels and not just on your feed: follow industry-specific and relevant hashtags and look for opportunities to converse with a new audience. Don't stop on social: if your customers have left reviews on third-party sites like Yelp or Amazon, interact with them there.

4. Seek Out Business Awards

There are dozens of business awards waiting for you in different industries and categories such as customer service, communications and innovation. Winning a reputable award can raise your profile professionally, and you can create a campaign announcing your win.

5. Run a Contest on Social Media

According to recent research, Instagram accounts that hold contests grow 70% faster than those that don't. Even simple contests like the ones listed below can lift engagement and help you gain new followers:

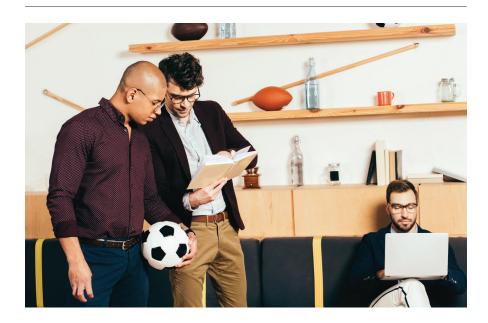
- Branded hashtag
- Trivia questions
- Photo captions
- Ask followers to submit photos

Your prize doesn't have to be expensive, but it should be relevant to your business. Swag makes an excellent giveaway.

Low-cost tactics like these are a great way to get creative with your marketing and try new things. It may also be time to reevaluate your current campaigns. If you'd like a professional perspective, contact us. We can help you fine-tune what's working and eliminate what's not to help maximize your marketing results and budget.



Sports Marketing: A Winning Strategy



Sports marketing is a powerful strategy for connecting with a dedicated audience and building brand awareness. By tapping into the passion and excitement surrounding sports, businesses can create memorable campaigns that resonate with fans and drive customer engagement.

What is Sports Marketing?

Strategically aligning your brand with sports events, teams, or athletes enhances your marketing efforts. This approach may include advertising, event management, promotional materials and any communications aimed at connecting with a passionate sports audience.

Maximize Your Sports Marketing

- Identify Your Audience:
 Determine your ideal customer and which sports they follow.
- Choose the Right Sports:
 Select sports that most closely
 align with your brand values and
 your target audience.

- Develop a Strategy: Create a marketing plan that outlines your goals, budget and tactics.
- Leverage Partnerships:
 Collaborate with teams, leagues, or athletes to gain exposure and credibility.
- Measure Results: Track the effectiveness of your efforts and adjust as needed.

Sports Marketing Services

- Advertising: Craft effective advertising campaigns with sports-focused content, design and other relevant elements.
- Event Marketing: Plan and execute sports-related events, such as tournaments or activations.
- Public Relations: Manage media relations and build positive brand visibility.

By effectively implementing sports marketing strategies, you can increase brand awareness and drive customer engagement.

Did you know?

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- Newsletters
- Brochures and rack cards
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INSIDE Sports Marketing: A Winning Strategy

Putting Your Customer First

Customer-Centric Marketing Tips

Customer-centric marketing tailors your efforts to appeal to your audience, serving their needs and interests by putting yourself in their shoes. Creating personalized experiences fosters stronger customer relationships and drives conversions.

Follow these tips to keep your customers central to your marketing efforts.

- Collect and Analyze Data Gather customer data including preferences, purchase history, and online behavior to better address customer needs.
- Segment Your Audience Deliver targeted, relevant messages by marketing to smaller audience segments with shared characteristics.
- Think Like Your Customers Communicate directly about their pain points and explain how your solution addresses their challenges.
- Personalize Content Tailor content to individual customers' interests on web pages, mailers, emails and other materials.
- Test and Measure Experiment with different personalization strategies and track key metrics to see what works or doesn't for future campaign use.

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