



OFFICIAL HYDRATION PARTNER OF UFC

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UFC AND KNOX HYDRATION ANNOUNCE LANDMARK PARTNERSHIP

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26 January 2026 — UFC®, the world’s premier mixed martial arts organization, and KNOX Hydration, a performance hydration company, today announced a new partnership in which KNOX becomes UFC’s global Official Hydration Partner outside of the U.S., marking a significant milestone in KNOX’s worldwide expansion.

This partnership underscores KNOX's mission to deliver clean, performance-driven hydration to athletes and consumers worldwide. With UFC’s unmatched global reach and reputation for excellence, KNOX Hydration will showcase its innovative products on one of the biggest stages in sports.

“This partnership with UFC is the result of countless hours of hard work and belief in what KNOX stands for,” said Ethan Hughes, Co-Founder of KNOX Hydration. “Since Dricus du Plessis and I founded KNOX, our mission has been to build a hydration brand that supports performance at the highest level that is also available to the masses. Aligning with UFC validates that mission and allows us to bring KNOX to a truly global audience.”

Nicholas Smith, TKO Senior Vice President, Global Partnerships and Head of International, commented, “KNOX Hydration is a pioneering brand in the hydration space with a focus on supporting elite athletes that makes them a perfect fit for UFC. We’re looking forward to kicking off the partnership at UFC 325: VOLKANOVSKI vs. LOPES 2.”

“UFC athletes operate at the absolute edge of human performance, and hydration is a critical component of their success,” said John Schaefer, CEO of KNOX Hydration. “KNOX was built to deliver functional hydration without caffeine, powered instead by amino acids, electrolytes and essential vitamins that support recovery, endurance, and overall wellness. We’re proud to support UFC and its athletes with a product designed for real performance.”

The partnership also signals KNOX Hydration’s evolution into a global brand, leveraging UFC’s massive international fanbase to reach new markets and consumers who value clean, effective hydration.

“This is more than a sponsorship, it’s a global brand moment,” said Mark Jacobs, Director of Global Marketing at KNOX Hydration. “UFC gives us an unmatched platform to champion the importance of hydration and educate fans around the world on why better ingredients matter. Together, we’re setting a new standard for what performance hydration looks like.”

KNOX Hydration offers great-tasting, ready-to-drink sparkling beverages in both regular and sugar-free options, along with convenient electrolyte powder sachets for hydration on the go. Each formula is crafted to support peak performance through optimal hydration, delivering essential amino acids, electrolytes, and vitamins, without caffeine or unnecessary stimulants. Ideal for athletes and high performers alike, KNOX Hydration fuels the body before, during, and after competition.

As the Official Hydration Partner of UFC outside of the U.S., KNOX will strategically activate its brand across a wide array of UFC's wide-reaching, globally popular platforms, including international live events, broadcasts, social media content, and fan-facing activations, reinforcing the shared commitment to performance, discipline, and resilience.

With this announcement, KNOX Hydration continues its rapid ascent as a trusted hydration solution for elite athletes and everyday consumers of all ages, now backed by one of the most powerful sports brands in the world.

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About UFC®

UFC® is the world's premier mixed martial arts organization (MMA), with more than 700 million fans and 330 million social media followers. The organization produces more than 40 live events annually in some of the most prestigious arenas around the world while distributing programming to more than 950 million broadcast and digital households across more than 210 countries and territories. UFC's athlete roster features the world's best MMA athletes representing more than 75 countries. The organization's digital offerings include UFC FIGHT PASS®, one of the world's leading streaming services for combat sports. UFC is part of TKO Group Holdings (NYSE: TKO) and is headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, visit [UFC.com](https://ufc.com) and follow UFC at [Facebook.com/UFC](https://facebook.com/UFC) and [@UFC](https://twitter.com/UFC) on X, Snapchat, Instagram, and TikTok: [@UFC](https://tiktok.com/@ufc).

About KNOX Hydration

KNOX Hydration is a premium performance hydration brand founded by UFC champion Dricus du Plessis and Ethan Hughes, in partnership with Ignite International, a globally recognized brand known for high quality products, an extensive following and world-class manufacturing expertise with a footprint spanning more than 65 countries. Focused on clean, functional hydration, KNOX delivers ready-to-drink beverages and powder sachets formulated with essential electrolytes, amino acids, and vitamins, without caffeine. Designed to support hydration, recovery, and endurance, KNOX is built for athletes and active lifestyles at every level.

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