GoHighLevel

Complete End-User Training Guide

Master All Features of the GoHighLevel SaaS Platform

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What is GoHighLevel?

GoHighLevel is an all-in-one customer relationship management (CRM) and marketing automation platform designed for agencies, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. It combines CRM, email/SMS marketing, funnel building, appointment scheduling, and workflow automation into one unified dashboard. Starting at $97/month, GoHighLevel eliminates the need for multiple software subscriptions.

Platform Overview

GoHighLevel includes 20+ core features:

• CRM with contact management and lead tracking

• Pipeline management for sales organization

• Email & SMS marketing automation

• Funnel and landing page builder

• Website builder with 1000+ templates

• Appointment scheduling and calendars

• Workflow automation (20+ trigger types)

• AI Conversation Bot (24/7 lead response)

• Voice AI for call handling

• Reputation management for reviews

• Social media planning tools

• 200+ integrations with popular tools

Pricing Plans Explained

GoHighLevel offers three main pricing tiers:

Plan	Price	Best For	Key Limits
Starter	$97/month	Solo entrepreneurs & small businesses	3 sub-accounts, 1 custom domain, 1 team member
Agency Unlimited	$297/month	Agencies managing multiple clients	Unlimited sub-accounts, custom domains, team members
SaaS/White-Label	Custom pricing	Reselling platform under your own brand	Full API access, white-label branding, client billing

Initial Setup Steps

1. Sign Up: Create your GoHighLevel account at gohighlevel.com. You get a 14-day free trial with no credit card required.

2. Complete Profile: Add your business name, contact information, and branding preferences.

3. Configure Contact Settings: Set up how you want to manage contacts and leads.

4. Connect Integrations: Link email providers, calendar apps, and other tools you use.

5. Create Your First Pipeline: Build a sales pipeline that matches your business process.

6. Set Up Automation: Create basic workflows to nurture leads automatically.

2. CRM & Pipeline Management

Understanding CRM in GoHighLevel

The CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system in GoHighLevel is the heart of the platform. It stores all contact information, communication history, and deal progress in one centralized location. Every interaction with a prospect or client is logged and accessible to your team.

Creating and Managing Contacts

Contacts are the foundation of your CRM. You can add contacts manually or they can be automatically created from form submissions, landing pages, or imported from other systems. Each contact record includes: name, email, phone, address, custom fields, tags, and communication history.

Pipeline Management

Pipelines represent your sales process from initial contact to closed deal. Each pipeline consists of stages that prospects move through. For example, a typical sales pipeline might have stages: New Lead → Qualified → Proposal Sent → Negotiation → Closed Won.

Creating a Pipeline:

1. Go to Pipelines section in the left menu
2. Click 'New Pipeline'
3. Name your pipeline (e.g., 'Sales Pipeline', 'Coaching Pipeline')
4. Add stages that match your sales process
5. Set default deal values and properties
6. Configure automation triggers for each stage

Using Opportunities (Deals)

Opportunities (or 'Deals') represent potential sales with specific prospects. Each opportunity tracks the deal value, stage, expected close date, and associated contact. You can move opportunities between stages by dragging them on the pipeline board.

Tags & Organization

Tags help organize and segment your contacts. You can use tags to categorize leads by source, status, or interest level. Tags can trigger automation workflows, making it easy to nurture different segments with targeted messaging.

3. Workflows & Automation

What are Workflows?

Workflows are automated sequences of actions triggered by specific events. They enable you to nurture leads, onboard clients, and run your business without manual effort. A workflow can include email sends, SMS messages, pipeline movements, task assignments, and more.

Workflow Components

Trigger: The event that starts the workflow (form submission, tag applied, pipeline stage change, appointment completion)

Actions: What happens in response to the trigger (send email, send SMS, update contact, move to pipeline stage, add tag)

Delays: Wait periods between actions (e.g., send follow-up email 3 days later)

Conditions: If/then logic to customize workflow behavior based on contact data

Common Workflow Examples

Welcome Sequence: When someone submits a form, automatically send a welcome email, add them to a tag, and schedule a follow-up SMS 24 hours later.

Appointment Follow-Up: When an appointment is completed, send a thank you email, request a review, and move the opportunity to the next stage.

Lead Nurture Series: Send a series of 5 educational emails over 2 weeks to warm leads who haven't yet scheduled a call.

Best Practices for Workflows

• **Keep it Simple:** Start with basic workflows and add complexity as needed.

• **Test First:** Test workflows with a small contact segment before rolling out to all leads.

• **Use Modular Workflows:** Create separate workflows for different triggers rather than one giant automation.

• **Monitor Performance:** Check workflow analytics to see open rates, click rates, and conversions.

• **Segment Your Audience:** Use tags and conditions to send the right message to the right person.

4. Funnel & Website Builder

What are Sales Funnels?

A sales funnel is a series of pages designed to guide prospects through your sales process. It typically includes a landing page (to capture interest), opt-in page (to collect email), sales page (to present offer), and thank you page (confirmation). GoHighLevel's funnel builder makes creating high-converting funnels easy, even without coding knowledge.

Funnel Types

Lead Capture Funnels: Simple single-page or two-page funnels designed to collect contact information.

Sales Funnels: Multi-page funnels that present an offer, overcome objections, and drive purchases.

Webinar Funnels: Funnels promoting live or recorded webinars with registration and reminder sequences.

Survey Funnels: Collect information about prospects' needs and challenges.

Using the Funnel Builder

1. Choose a Template: Start with an industry-specific template or blank funnel.

2. Customize Funnel Pages: Edit text, images, colors to match your brand.

3. Add Forms: Add opt-in forms to capture leads (name, email, phone).

4. Set Up Thank You Page: Show confirmation and offer next steps (download, schedule call).

5. Configure Settings: Set redirect URLs, confirmation emails, and integrations.

6. Preview & Test: Test all forms and links before publishing.

7. Publish: Get your unique funnel URL or custom domain link.

Website Builder

GoHighLevel includes a drag-and-drop website builder with 1000+ professional templates. You can build a complete business website without coding. Features include: contact forms, blog sections, service pages, team member profiles, and more.

5. Email & SMS Marketing

Email Marketing Campaigns

GoHighLevel's email marketing tools allow you to create, send, and track email campaigns to your contacts. You can design professional emails using templates or from scratch, segment your audience, and automate send times for optimal engagement.

Creating an Email Campaign

1. Access Email Section: Go to Campaigns → Email in the main menu.

2. Create New Campaign: Click 'New Campaign' and select template or blank design.

3. Design Email: Use drag-and-drop editor to add text, images, buttons, and links.

4. Set Subject & Preview: Write compelling subject line and preview text.

5. Choose Recipients: Select contacts, tags, or import list.

6. Schedule Send: Send immediately or schedule for optimal time.

7. Monitor Results: Track open rates, click rates, and conversions.

SMS Marketing

SMS marketing allows you to send text messages to contacts with phone numbers. SMS messages have much higher open rates (98%) compared to email (20-30%). Use SMS for time-sensitive offers, appointment reminders, and urgent messages. SMS is charged per message sent.

Email & SMS Best Practices

• **Segment Your Audience:** Send targeted messages to different contact groups.

• **Test Subject Lines:** A/B test to find what gets more opens.

• **Mobile Optimize:** Ensure emails look great on phones (most people read email on mobile).

• **Clear Call-to-Action:** Make it obvious what you want the recipient to do.

• **Respect Frequency:** Don't overwhelm subscribers with too many emails.

• **Personalize:** Use merge tags to include the recipient's name and relevant info.

6. Appointment Scheduling & Calendars

Calendar & Booking Overview

GoHighLevel's appointment scheduling system allows prospects and clients to book calls, consultations, and appointments directly. The system automatically syncs with your Google Calendar or Outlook, sends reminders, and integrates with your CRM and workflows.

Key Calendar Features

• Multiple calendar creation for different services (consultations, demos, training)

• Google Calendar & Outlook synchronization

• Automated appointment reminders (email and SMS)

• Timezone auto-detection and management

• Round-robin booking (distribute among team members)

• Buffer time between appointments

• Recurring appointments and group bookings

• Zoom & video call integration

• Paid appointments with Stripe integration

• Custom booking page branding

Setting Up a Booking Calendar

1. Create Calendar: Go to Calendars section and click 'New Calendar'.

2. Name & Service: Give it a name (e.g., 'Strategy Call', '30-min Consultation').

3. Set Duration: Define how long appointments last (30 min, 60 min, etc.).

4. Availability: Set your available hours and days (e.g., Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

5. Sync Calendar: Connect your Google or Outlook calendar to prevent double-bookings.

6. Reminders: Configure automatic reminder emails and SMS 24 hours and 1 hour before.

7. Automation: Set workflows to trigger after appointment completion (follow-up email, survey request).

8. Share Link: Get your booking link to share with prospects.

7. Reputation Management

What is Reputation Management?

Reputation management is the practice of monitoring and improving your online reviews and customer feedback. GoHighLevel's reputation tools help you track Google and Facebook reviews, request reviews from happy customers, respond to reviews, and showcase testimonials on your website.

Reputation Management Features

• **Review Monitoring:** Track all Google and Facebook reviews from one dashboard.

• **Review Requests:** Automatically request reviews from customers via email and SMS after appointments.

• **Review Response:** Respond to reviews directly in GoHighLevel (especially important for negative reviews).

• **Video Reviews:** Collect video testimonials from satisfied customers.

• **Review Widgets:** Embed customer reviews on your website to build trust.

• **Reputation Widgets:** Display star ratings and review counts on your site.

• **Google My Business:** Manage your business listing on Google Search and Maps.

• **AI Review Replies:** Use AI to generate professional replies to reviews automatically.

Getting More Reviews

The best way to get reviews is to ask happy customers shortly after a positive interaction. Set up a workflow that automatically sends a review request 24 hours after an appointment or purchase. Make it easy with a direct link to your Google or Facebook review page.

8. AI Features & Automation

AI in GoHighLevel

GoHighLevel integrates artificial intelligence throughout the platform to help you work smarter and faster. AI features handle lead engagement, content creation, and customer service 24/7, freeing up your time for high-value activities.

AI Conversation Bot

The AI Conversation Bot responds to leads automatically via SMS, email, or chat 24/7. It answers common questions, qualifies leads, schedules appointments, and routes complex issues to your team. The bot learns from your FAQs and previous conversations.

Key bot capabilities:

• Respond to incoming messages within seconds

• Qualify leads based on your criteria

• Schedule appointments automatically

• Answer frequently asked questions

• Collect information and update CRM

• Route to human when needed

Voice AI

Voice AI handles incoming calls, takes messages, qualifies leads, and books appointments over the phone. It sounds natural and can handle complex conversations. Perfect for capturing leads who prefer to call rather than fill out forms.

Content AI

Content AI generates email copy, SMS messages, blog posts, and social media content automatically. Simply provide a brief description of what you need, and AI creates professional, on-brand content in seconds.

9. Integrations & Connections

Why Integrations Matter

Integrations connect GoHighLevel to your existing tools and software. Rather than manually transferring data between platforms, integrations allow automated data flow. GoHighLevel supports 200+ integrations with popular business tools.

Popular Integrations

Calendar Tools: Google Calendar, Outlook, Calendly, Acuity Scheduling

Email Providers: Gmail, Outlook, SMTP

Payment Processors: Stripe, PayPal for handling payments

Webinar Platforms: Zoom, Google Meet, Webinar platforms

Google Services: Google Sheets, Google Forms, Google My Business

Slack: Get notifications in Slack for new leads and closed deals

Zapier: Connect to 5,000+ apps through Zapier automation

API: Custom integrations using GoHighLevel's API

Setting Up an Integration

1. Go to Integrations: Find Integrations or Settings section.

2. Browse Available Tools: Search for the tool you want to connect.

3. Click Connect: You'll be directed to authorize GoHighLevel access.

4. Authorize: Log into the external tool and grant permission.

5. Configure Sync: Choose what data to sync (contacts, appointments, etc.).

6. Test: Make sure data is syncing correctly.

10. Reporting & Analytics

Understanding Your Metrics

GoHighLevel provides comprehensive analytics to measure the success of your marketing and sales efforts. Track email open rates, click rates, conversions, pipeline health, and more. Use these insights to optimize your strategies.

Key Metrics to Track

Email Metrics: Open rate, click rate, unsubscribe rate, bounce rate

SMS Metrics: Delivery rate, click rate, conversion rate

Appointment Metrics: Booking rate, show rate, cancellation rate

Pipeline Metrics: Total deal value, average deal size, close rate, sales cycle length

Lead Metrics: Lead source, cost per lead, lead conversion rate

Website Metrics: Visitors, traffic source, page view time, conversion rate

Creating Custom Reports

Most reports in GoHighLevel are customizable. You can filter by date range, contact segments, team members, or campaigns. Export reports to CSV or PDF format for sharing with stakeholders or for deeper analysis.

11. Agency & White-Label Features

Sub-Accounts for Agencies

If you're using the Agency Unlimited plan, you can create unlimited sub-accounts for each of your clients. Each client gets their own separate workspace while you manage everything from the parent account. You can use white-label branding so each client thinks they're using their own custom software.

White-Label Branding

With white-label features, you can remove all GoHighLevel branding and replace it with your own company name, logo, and colors. Your clients see a fully branded solution unique to your agency, strengthening your brand and increasing perceived value.

SaaS Mode

GoHighLevel's SaaS Mode allows agencies to resell the platform as their own software product. You set custom pricing, handle customer onboarding and billing, and earn recurring revenue. Customers get a branded desktop app, white-labeled interface, and customized features.

Team Management

Manage your team by assigning roles and permissions. Control who can access campaigns, edit automations, view reports, or manage billing. Different roles include Admin (full access), Manager (manage campaigns/contacts), User (limited access), and Read-Only (view only).

12. Best Practices & Tips

Data Quality & Organization

• **Clean Your Data:** Regularly remove duplicates, invalid emails, and outdated contacts.

• **Use Tags Strategically:** Create a naming convention for tags (e.g., 'source-facebook', 'status-qualified').

• **Update Contact Info:** Sync contacts with external systems to keep data current.

• **Segment Regularly:** Create lists and tags for different audience segments.

• **Backup Important Data:** Export critical contact lists and pipeline data regularly.

Marketing Optimization Tips

• **Test Everything:** A/B test subject lines, email content, landing page headlines, and CTAs.

• **Track Your Sources:** Use UTM parameters or unique funnel URLs to identify best lead sources.

• **Monitor Metrics Closely:** Set up weekly reports to track KPIs and identify trends.

• **Optimize Email Timing:** Send emails when your audience is most likely to open (typically Tue-Thu, 9am-1pm).

• **Improve Landing Pages:** Use high-quality images, clear value propositions, and minimal form fields.

• **Follow Up Quickly:** Respond to leads within 5 minutes for highest conversion.

• **Use Video:** Videos have higher engagement; use them in emails and landing pages.

Sales Process Improvements

• **Qualify Leads Early:** Use forms and workflows to identify high-potential prospects quickly.

• **Automate Routine Tasks:** Let workflows handle follow-ups, reminders, and data entry.

• **Use Pipeline Views:** Check your pipeline board daily to see deal progress.

• **Set Clear Next Steps:** Every interaction should have a defined next action.

• **Document Your Process:** Create playbooks for your team on how to handle different prospect types.

• **Celebrate Wins:** Track closed deals and learn from successful ones.

Quick Reference Checklist

■ Set up your GoHighLevel account and complete profile

■ Create at least one sales pipeline matching your process

■ Import or manually add your first batch of contacts

■ Create a welcome email sequence

■ Build a landing page or lead capture funnel

■ Set up appointment scheduling calendar

■ Create your first workflow (e.g., welcome sequence)

■ Connect your calendar to prevent double-bookings

■ Set up email signatures and branding

■ Create email templates for common messages

■ Connect SMS to your workflow automations

■ Set up appointment reminders

■ Configure team members and assign permissions

■ Connect at least one integration (e.g., Google Calendar)

■ Create your first automation rules

■ Set up key reports to monitor daily

■ Test all workflows before deploying

■ Create follow-up sequences for different lead types

■ Set up reputation management and review requests

■ Review analytics weekly and optimize

Conclusion

GoHighLevel is a powerful platform that can transform your business by automating marketing, streamlining sales, and improving customer experience. Start with the basics—set up your CRM, create simple workflows, and build your first funnel. As you become comfortable with the platform, explore more advanced features. Remember that successful businesses don't use every feature; they master the core features that directly impact their bottom line. Focus on creating great customer experiences, and the sales will follow.