**(NAME), Host Media Coordinator**

**2025 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FIRST- AND SECOND-ROUND MEDIA INFORMATION**

**MARCH 21-23, FOSTER PAVILION**

**WACO, TEXAS**

**Host Institution: BAYLOR**

**Host Media Coordinator: BRENT INGRAM**

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**CREDENTIALS**

**REQUESTS:** Media desiring credentials to cover games, regardless of which teams are competing at the site, must apply online at [**http://www.ncaa.com/media**](http://www.ncaa.com/media). **Important: If your media agency plans to attend ONLY if the team you regularly cover advances to the regional round, DO NOT complete this online application. In order to be eligible for credentials, you must appear on the team media list that each institution will submit as they advance from the second-round of the 2025 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.** The online site provides information for reservations at the media headquarters hotel and parking passes. Applying media representatives will be notified via e-mail in regard to the confirmation or denial of their application.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Credentials will not be mailed. Recipients must present a driver’s license, passport or government-issued photo ID to pick up credentials. A sign-in sheet for individuals to confirm receipt of credentials will be required. Credentials will be issued according to the following schedule:

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| **Credential Distribution Schedule** |
| **Day** | **Times** |
| First Practice Day, First-Round, March 20 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. |
| First-Round Game Day, March 21 | 11:20 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| Day Before Second-Round Game, March 22 | 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  |
| Second-Round Game Day, March 23 | 3 hours before until halftime of game |

**LOGISTICS**

**MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** Hotel Indigo Waco-Baylor
Contact Person:  Jacquelyn Baumann

Phone:  713.449.0433

E-Mail:  jacquelyn@kbhotelsllc.com

Media representatives desiring accommodations at the headquarters hotel will be provided hotel reservation information by the host media coordinator.

**MEDIA PARKING:** Media members must request parking passes through the online credential system. Parking passes, if requested and approved, will be provided at credential distribution**.** Media parking is located at **the Foster Pavilion Garage, top floor.**

**MEDIA ENTRANCE:** Media enter at the Foster Pavilion premium entrance, located adjacent to the ticket will call window.

**MEDIA SHUTTLE:** no media shuttle

**MEDIA MEAL:** Complimentary media meals, for credentialed individuals only, will be available on the First Four game day, first practice day before the first-round games, day between the first and second rounds and on the second-round game day. Beverages and snacks will also be provided on a limited basis.

**MEDIA WORKROOM:** A workroom will be provided for credentialed media with the following hours of operation.

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| **Media Workroom Schedule** |
| **Day** | **Times** |
| First Practice Day, First-Round, March 20 | 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. |
| First-Round Game Day, March 21 | 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  |
| Day Before Second-Round Game, March 22 | Noon – 5 p.m. |
| Second-Round Game Day, March 23 | 3 hours before until 3 hours after game |

**ACCESS INFORMATION**

**LOCKER ROOMS:** The team locker rooms will be open to the media at specified times on both practice and game days. Open locker rooms will include both the locker room itself and additional breakout room space to allow for more room for media and participants. All student-athletes not participating in the press conference on the dais in the interview room shall be made available during the same time that the coach and selected members of the team are participating in the press conference. On practice days, open team locker room periods will occur during the formal interview room press conference times. On game days, locker rooms will open to media for 30 minutes following the cooling-off period.

**NEW CONFERENCES**: The head coach and two first-team players will participate in the scheduled news conferences.

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| **Day Prior to First-Round Games – March 20** |
| 10:45 – 11 a.m. | Baylor – Players |
| 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. | Baylor – Coach |
| 12:25 – 12:40 p.m. | Ole Miss – Players |
| 12:45 – 1 p.m. | Ole Miss – Coach |
| 2:05 – 2:20 p.m. | GCU – Players |
| 2:25 – 2:40 p.m. | GCU – Coach |
| 3:45 – 4 p.m. | Ball State – Players |
| 4:05 – 4:20 p.m. | Ball State – Coach |
| **Day of First-Round Games – March 21**Immediately following games and at end of cooling-off period. Winning team first followed by non-advancing team.**Format** – Overview by head coach (2 minutes)Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion) (8 minutes)Questions to head coach (10 minutes) |
| **Day Prior to Second-Round Game – March 22** |
| 1:25 – 1:40 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner – Players |
| 1:45 – 2 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner – Coach |
| 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner – Players |
| 2:35 – 2:50 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner – Coach |
| **Day of Second-Round Game – March 23**Immediately following games and at end of cooling-off period. Winning team first followed by non-advancing team.**Format** – Overview by head coach (2 minutes)Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion) (8 minutes)Questions to head coach (10 minutes) |

**POOL REPORTER:** Pool reporters (Zach Smith, Waco Tribune-Herald) may request an officiating and/or rules interpretation via the NCAA committee and staff members on site, when a game includes a potential fighting situation that results in a technical foul and/or ejection of a participant; if a rules interpretation is needed; or there is a clock/timing issue. Additionally, if a member of the Division I Women’s Basketball Committee deems it in the best interest of the championship for broadcast partners and members of the media to receive an interpretation pertaining to another specific situation, the officiating crew shall return to its locker room and conduct a conference call with the NCAA’s national coordinator of officiating for interpretation. No one other than the game officials, members of the Division I Women’s Basketball Committee and the NCAA staff representatives assigned to the site are permitted in the locker room during this meeting. Upon completion of the meeting, staff will communicate with the pool reporter and the sideline reporter from ESPN (without camera or microphone) to share the officiating crew’s interpretation to help enhance the public’s understanding of what transpired. The NCAA will issue a statement and will distribute it to its broadcast partners, on social media and to media covering tournament games at that site.

**SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING:** Satellite truck parking will not be available. Please contact the host media coordinator for full details.

**DIGITAL MEDIA WORKROOM:** Limited printing will be conducted on site, Championship media materials and information, including news conferences, team/conference game notes and all in-game materials including box scores, game books, quotes, notes, etc. will be provided via the Division I Women’s Basketball Championship [**Digital Media Workroom**](https://sites.google.com/view/diwbbmedia/home). The Workroom provides links to the following championship media-related items:

* **2025 Championship Records Book.**
* **Championship Bracket.**
* **Live Stats.**
* **Media Policies.**
* **Press Conference Transcripts.**
* **Press Conference Zoom Links.**
* **Digital Media Hub (live stream and archive of all news conferences).**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**: Complimentary wireless services and access codes will be provided to all credentialed individuals. Media, including originating radio networks, may order individual telephone and high-speed data services, at their own expense, by contacting the telecommunications contact: **Jonathan Berry (****Jonathan\_Berry@baylor.edu****)**

**STATBROADCAST REAL TIME STATS FEED:** StatBroadcast® Live web and mobile stats for media are available via your laptop or by phone. Instruction on how to obtain will be provided on site.

**2025 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP LOGOS AND ACCESS TO NCAA LOGO LIBRARY.** If you are in need of an NCAA logo, including Women’s Final Four and other championship logos, visit the [NCAA Logo Library](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fncaa-logo.pd.dmh.veritone.com%2Fuser%2Flogin&data=04%7C01%7Crnixon%40ncaa.org%7C6a4de882c36142cb067b08da01541076%7C85a1e95666374b1db6eec72a59ee087f%7C0%7C0%7C637823757828617581%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IvxnSrtHGpVEdmJblRosuhgKNcnsKbEf7bR1SorapUs%3D&reserved=0). If you have an already established account or need to create one, you can do that there.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

(**All Times Local**)

**Thursday, March 20 Day prior to First-Round Games**

\*The court will be open to members of the media for the first 15 minutes of practice after which the court will be cleared and practice closed. Mini-camera operators may videotape practice from the baseline, behind the courtside media area or from the public seating area.

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Credential Distribution

8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Media Workroom Hours

10:45 – 11 a.m. Baylor News Conference – Players

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Baylor – Media Open Locker Room

11:05 – 11:20 a.m. Baylor Higher Seed News Conference - Coach

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Baylor Higher Seed Practice\* (90 minutes)

Noon – 2 p.m. Media Meal

12:25 – 12:40 p.m. Ole Miss Higher Seed News Conference – Players

12:25 – 12:55 p.m. Ole Miss Higher Seed – Media Open Locker Room

12:45 – 1 p.m. Ole Miss Higher Seed News Conference - Coach

1:10 – 2:40 p.m. Ole Miss Higher Seed Practice\* (90 minutes)

2:05 – 2:20 p.m. GCU Lower Seed News Conference – Players

2:05 – 2:35 p.m. GCU Lower Seed – Media Open Locker Room

2:25 – 2:40 p.m. GCU Lower Seed News Conference - Coach

2:50 – 4:20 p.m. GCU Lower Seed Practice\* (90 minutes)

3:45 – 4 p.m. Ball State Lower Seed News Conference – Players

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Ball State Lower Seed – Media Open Locker Room

4:05 – 4:20 p.m. Ball State Lower Seed News Conference - Coach

4:30 – 6 p.m. Ball State Lower Seed Practice\* (90 minutes)

**Friday, March 21 First-Round Game Day**

11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Media Workroom Hours

11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Credential Distribution

12:30 p.m. Media Meal

2:30 p.m. Grand Canyon vs. Baylor

5 p.m. Ball State vs. Ole Miss

First-Round Game News Conferences

Immediately following game.

Format – Overview by head coach (2 minutes).

Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion) (8 minutes)

Questions to head coach (10 minutes)

**Saturday, March 22 Day prior to Second-Round**

Noon – 2:30 p.m. Credential Distribution

Noon – 5 p.m. Media Workroom Hours

1:25 – 1:40 p.m. Game No. 2 Winner News Conference – Players

1:25 – 1:55 p.m. Game No. 2 Winner – Media Open Locker Room

1:45 – 2 p.m. Game No. 2 Winner News Conference – Coach

2:15 - 2:30 p.m. Game No. 1 Winner Team News Conference – Players

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Game No. 1 Winner – Media Open Locker Room

2:35 – 2:50 p.m. Game No. 1 Winner News Conference – Coach

**Sunday, March 23/Monday, March 24, Second-Round Game Day**

*Note: Second round game times will be announced after the first round concludes.*

3 hrs prior to tipoff until 3 hrs after game Media Workroom Hours

3 hrs prior to tipoff until halftime Credential Distribution

2 hours prior to tipoff up to tipoff Media Meal

TBD Second-Round Game

Second-Round Game News Conferences

Immediately following game.

Format – Overview by head coach (2 minutes).

Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion) (8 minutes)

Questions to head coach (10 minutes)

**HELPFUL LINKS**

**RESOURCES:**

* **NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship media coverage/policy information:** <http://www.ncaa.com/media>
* **Women’s Final Four:** <http://www.ncaa.com/womens-final-four>
* **Women’s Championships Records Book:** <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/womens-final-four-records-book>
* **Women’s basketball statistics:** <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/womens-basketball-statistics>
* **Women’s basketball home page:** <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/basketball-women/d1>

**SOCIAL/DIGITAL ACCOUNTS/HASH TAGS:**

* Twitter: **@MarchMadnessWBB**
* Instagram: **@MarchMadnessWBB**
* Facebook: **/marchmadnesswbb**
* TikTok: **MarchMadnessWBB**
* Regular Season: **#ncaaWBB**
* Post Season: **#MarchMadness / #FirstFour / #Sweet16 / #Elite8**
* Final Four: **#WFinalFour**

**WOMEN’S FINAL FOUR/HASH TAGS:**

Twitter: **@WFinalFour**

Instagram: **@WFinalFour**

Facebook: **/wfinalfour**

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