

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS MEDIA INFORMATION

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CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Credentials will not be mailed. Recipients must present a government-issued photo ID. A sign-in sheet for individuals to confirm receipt of credentials will be available.

All credentials will be distributed at the Lenovo Center at the entrance directly to the right of the VIP entrance. There will be NO credential pickup at the media hotel. All media will only be permitted to enter the building from this entrance. Please note that ALL bags and equipment will be searched upon entrance each day and each person will be required to enter through metal detectors.

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 20 9 AM - 6 PM
Friday, March 21 4 hrs before 1st gm-halftime of final gm
Friday, March 18 10 AM - 2 PM
Saturday, March 19 TBD

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

The **Marriott City Center** is the official media hotel for the Men's Basketball 1st/2nd Round games in Raleigh. Media should reserve hotel rooms when applying for credentials online. There will be NO reservations accepted other than through the online system.

Marriott City Center
500 Fayetteville St
Raleigh, NC 57601

MEDIA SHUTTLE

There will be a media shuttle provided from the hotel to the arena. It will pick up at the Marriott City Center Hotel Main Entrance and drop off at the Lenovo Center South Box Office (Media Entrance) The media shuttle will run at the following times:

Thursday, March 20 9 am - 9 pm
Friday, March 21 4 hrs. before tip - 3 hrs after last PC
Saturday, March 22 10 am - 8:30 pm
Sunday, March 23 4 hrs. before tip - 3 hrs after last PC

SATELLITE UPLINKS/MOBILE TRUCKS PARKING

Limited parking will be available for uplink/mobile TV trucks. Please contact Rob Seltzer (robs@lenovocenter.com) to reserve space.

WIRELESS INTERNET & STAT BROADCAST

Wireless Internet - 25NCAAPress
Password: @@CN2025!!

Stat Broadcast - www.ncaa.com/mediastats
Password: ncaamedia

DIGITAL MEDIA HUB

All off-day and postgame press conferences from all rounds of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship will be made available in the NCAA Digital Media Hub at <https://on.ncaa.com/d1mbbmedia>. Press conference transcripts can be found at <http://www.ncaa.com/transcripts>.

MEDIA PARKING

Media agencies that have confirmed parking should enter the STADIUM NORTH lot via Stephen Stroud Way or West-chase Blvd.

LENOVO CENTER

Due to construction in and around Raleigh, we recommend using a GPS device with up-to-date maps to navigate to the Lenovo Center (1400 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607)

MEDIA MEALS

Complimentary concession vouchers will be available on *game days* for credentialed individuals only and may be signed for at the telecomms desk in the media work area. These vouchers can be used at any concession stand in the arena, and there will be one stand with a limited menu adjacent to the media room. Beverages and snacks will also be available in the media workroom.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

9 AM - 6 PM Credential Distribution
9 AM - 9 PM Courtside Open to Media
10 AM Doors Open to Public

Practice Schedule (open to media and general public)

11 - 11:40 AM Baylor
11:45 AM - 12:25 PM Mississippi State
12:30 - 1:10 PM Norfolk State
1:15 - 1:55 PM Duke
2 - 2:40 PM American/MSM
2:45 - 3:25 PM Florida
3:30 - 4:10 Oklahoma
4:15 - 4:55 PM UConn

Press Conferences in Media Workroom

10:20 - 10:35 AM Baylor Student-Athletes
10:35 - 10:50 AM Baylor coach
11:05 - 11:20 AM Mississippi State Student-Athletes
11:20 - 11:35 AM Mississippi State Coach
11:50 AM - 12:05 PM Norfolk State Student-Athletes
12:05 - 12:20 PM Norfolk State Coach
12:35 - 12:50 PM Duke Student-Athletes
12:50 - 1:05 PM Duke Coach
1:20 - 1:35 PM American/MSM Student-Athletes
1:35 - 1:50 PM American/MSM seed Coach
2:05 - 2:20 PM Florida Student-Athletes
2:20 - 2:35 PM Florida Coach

2:50 - 3:05 PM.....Oklahoma Student-Athletes
3:05 - 3:20 PM.....Oklahoma Coach
3:35 - 3:50 PM.....UConn Student-Athletes
3:50 - 4:05 PM.....UConn Coach

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:15 am.....Credential Distribution
.....Media Workroom Opens
10:15 am.....Courtside Open to Media
10:45 am.....Venue Opens to Public
12:15 pm.....No. 8 Mississippi State vs. No. 9 Baylor
2:50 pm.....No. 1 Duke vs. No. 16 American/MSM
6:50 pm.....No. 1 Florida vs. No. 16 Norfolk St.
9:25 pm.....No. 8 UConn vs. No. 9 Oklahomas

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

10 AM - 2 PMCredential Distribution
10 AM - 8:30 PMMedia Workroom Open

Press Conferences in Media Workroom

1:35 - 1:55 PMGame 1 winner student-athletes
1:55 - 2:15 PMgame 1 winner coach
2:20 - 2:40 PMGame 2 winner student-athletes
2:40 - 3 PMGame 2 winner coach
3:10 - 3:30 PMGame 3 winner student-athletes
3:30 - 3:50 PMGame 3 winner coach
3:55 - 4:15 PMGame 4 winner student-athletes
4:15 - 4:35 PMGame 4 winner coach

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

General

4 hours before 1st game.....Credential Distribution
.....Media Workroom Opens
2 hours before 1st game.....Courtside Open to Media
TBDVenue Opens to Public
TBDSecond round Game 1
TBDSecond round game 2

PRESS CONFERENCE ZOOM LINK

<https://ncaa-org.zoom.us/j/81811403832?pwd=m6cZZcob-1mRzaHxTuYL9aoS7jPZSX0.1>

Passcode: 458973

POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCES

The advancing team will appear in the news conference first, after a five-minute cooling-off period. After the cooling off period expires, the head coach and a minimum of two student-athletes shall be escorted to the interview room for a postgame press conference not to exceed 12 minutes. The non-advancing team will have a 15-minute cooling-off period before the head coach and select players go to the interview room/holding area. If requested, the losing team's coach shall grant an interview with TNT/CBS as soon as the cooling-off period expires. At his discretion, the coach may conduct the TNT/CBS interview during the cooling-off period. However, no other interviews may take place during this time. After the winning team's coach and players have left the interview room area, the losing team's coach and players shall go on the dais for a postgame press conference not to exceed 10 minutes.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms are open to non-originating agencies (provided TNT Sports/CBS Sports access is not impaired or delayed in any way for postgame coverage for thirty (30) minutes once the team's cooling off period expires (provided TNT Sports/CBS

Sports has first priority access to the locker rooms postgame), and during the designated times on non-game days. Other than TNT/CBS, live hits from inside the locker rooms are prohibited.

CAMERAS / RECORDERS

All electronic media desiring to record the proceedings in the interview room will be required to use the connecting devices supplied by the NCAA. No individual filming of the interviews will be permitted, unless authorization is granted by the NCAA (i.e. team videographers, Turner/CBS All-Access crew).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS

Coaches and student-athletes not participating in the postgame press conference may conduct phone interviews as soon as the cooling off period expires. All requests should be coordinated and approved by the team's SID.

MINI CAM POLICIES SUMMARY

TNT/CBS are the only television entities that may transmit live from inside the competition venue on game days.

On Game Days:

- Non-originating telecasters may capture video from within the arena up until 60 minutes before the first game in each session (30 mins for a TNT/CBS-affiliated agency). During this time, mini-cam operators may capture video or pregame warmups or the team entering or exiting the locker room or tunnels. Video must be captured from designated areas such as the concourse, media workroom and accessible hallways. Access is not granted between games of a session. Camera operators are not allowed in the stands, or the court on game days or behind the scorers table at any time.

- Non-originating agencies may record or do live hits from within the arena up until 75 minutes before the first game of the day at each venue. Any live shot where talent is on screen should include audio and/or graphic tune in information for the upcoming game(s) being reported on.

- Once within 60 minutes of the first game of a session, all areas from which the playing floor may be seen shall remain off limits to all camera operators until TNT/CBS Sports has discontinued its coverage of the session.

- Once inside the 60-minute window to the start of the broadcast, and until TNT/CBS has discontinued its coverage from the site, television entities may do *recorded* stand-ups from back-of-house areas as long as the court or entrance into the "bowl" of the venue is not visible by the camera.

On Open Practice Day:

- Representatives of non-originating agencies may record or do live hits (either via broadcast or social media) from the concourse or public seating areas. Agencies are limited to one live hit per day, with a maximum length of two minutes.

On Off Day:

- Representatives of non-originating agencies may record or do live hits (either via broadcast or social media) from the back-of-house media areas or the concourse, if the court or entrance into the "bowl" of the venue is not visible by the camera during closed practices. When the final closed practice has concluded, agencies may record or do live hits from the concourse or public seating areas until the building has closed for the evening. Agencies are limited to one live hit per day, with a maximum length of two minutes.