



2019 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

WACO MEDIA INFORMATION

March 22 & 24 – Ferrell Center – Waco, Texas

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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>. Each participating institution's sports information contact will direct team media to apply for credentials via the online credential system as well. 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:

| Credential Distribution Schedule | |
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| Day | Times |
| First Practice Day | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. |
| First-Round Game Day | 3 hours before tipoff of first game until halftime of last game |
| Day Before Second-Round Game | 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| Second-Round Game Day | 3 hours before tipoff until halftime |

LOGISTICS

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Hampton Inn & Suites, 2501 Marketplace Drive, Waco, Texas 76711; 254-662-9500. Media representatives desiring accommodations at the headquarters hotel are advised that the hotel requires a two-night minimum stay (first practice night and the night of the regional semifinal games).

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. Parking will be adjacent to the Whetsel Practice Facility.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: Enter through the Whetsel Practice Facility entrance.

MEDIA SHUTTLE: A media shuttle **WILL NOT** be available.

MEDIA BUFFET: Complimentary media buffets, for credentialed individuals only, will be available on the first practice day from noon to 2 p.m. and on first- and second-round game days beginning two hours prior to tip-off. 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.

| Media Workroom Schedule | |
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| Day | Times |
| First Practice Day | 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. |
| First-Round Game Day | 3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after last game. |
| Day Before Second-Round Game | 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| Second-Round Game Day | 3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after game. |

ACCESS INFORMATION

LOCKER ROOMS: Game Days - The locker rooms will be open to the media for a maximum of 30 minutes after the cooling-off period ends. Practice Days - Student athletes who are not in the interview room, shall be available to the media in the locker room area during the time the coach and selected student-athletes are participating in the news conference.

NEW CONFERENCES: The head coach and a minimum of two first-team players will participate in the scheduled news conferences. No more than three players will attend.

| NEWS CONFERENCE/MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE | |
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| First Practice Day – Friday, March 22 | |
| 10:45 – 11 a.m. | California – Head Coach |
| 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. | California – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. | California - Players |
| 12:25 – 12:40 p.m. | North Carolina – Head Coach |
| 12:25 – 12:55 p.m. | North Carolina – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 12:45 – 1 p.m. | North Carolina - Players |
| 2:05 – 2:20 p.m. | Baylor – Head Coach |
| 2:05 – 2:35 p.m. | Baylor – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 2:25 – 2:40 p.m. | Baylor - Players |
| 3:45 – 4 p.m. | ACU – Head Coach |
| 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. | ACU – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 4:05 – 4:20 p.m. | ACU - Players |
| First-Round Game Day (Saturday, March 23): Immediately following each 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) | |
| Day Before Second-Round Game – Sunday, March 24 | |
| 1:25 – 1:40 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner – Players |
| 1:25 – 1:55 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 1:45 – 2 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner – Head Coach |
| 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner – Players |
| 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 2:35 – 2:50 p.m. | Game No. Winner – Head Coach |
| Day of Second-Round Game (Monday, March 25) - 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) | |

POOL REPORTER: A pool reporter has been identified by the host media coordinator. The name of the individual will be provided on the media seating chart and on the starting lineup sheet that will be distributed before each game. When a game includes a potential fighting situation that results in a technical foul and/or ejection of a participant, a rules interpretation is requested or there is a clock or timing issue, the pool reporter will be allowed to accompany the Women’s Basketball Championship Committee representative to the officials’ locker room to receive an interpretation. All media questions in this regard should be directed to the pool reporter. The host media coordinator will accompany the pool reporter and provide a written statement to the media following the session.

SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING: Satellite truck parking will be available. Please contact the host media coordinator for full details.

SATELLITE UPLINKS: Please note that satellite uplink services **will not** be provided at any of the first- and second-round sites during the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. If you wish to obtain news conference footage from any of these sites, please plan accordingly to accomplish on site, or arrange for another credentialed media agency to provide this footage for you.

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 host media coordinator.

SERVICES: Runners will distribute play-by-play, halftime and final box scores to the media at courtside and in the media workroom. Host media coordination staff will provide quote transcriptions that will be distributed to the media immediately following each news conference. Updated team notes (e.g., team notes, tournament notes/records) will also be distributed to the media preceding the next scheduled news conference.

COURTSIDE STATISTICS: StatBroadcast (<https://statbroadcast.com/>) will provide live in-game statistics available via your laptop throughout championship play.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All Times Local)

Day Before First-Round Session – Friday, March 22

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| 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Credential Distribution |
| 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Media Workroom Hours |
| 10:45 – 11 a.m. | California News Conference – Head Coach |
| 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. | California - Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. | California News Conference - Players |
| 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | California Practice* |
| Noon – 2 p.m. | Media Buffet |
| 12:25 – 12:40 p.m. | North Carolina News Conference – Head Coach |
| 12:25 – 12:55 p.m. | North Carolina - Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 12:45 – 1 p.m. | North Carolina News Conference - Players |
| 1:10 – 2:40 p.m. | North Carolina Practice* |
| 2:05 – 2:20 p.m. | Baylor News Conference – Head Coach |
| 2:05 – 2:35 p.m. | Baylor - Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 2:25 – 2:40 p.m. | Baylor News Conference - Players |
| 2:50 – 4:20 p.m. | Baylor Higher Seed Practice* |
| 3:45 – 4 p.m. | ACU News Conference – Head Coach |
| 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. | ACU - Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 4:05 – 4:20 p.m. | ACU News Conference - Players |
| 4:30 – 6 p.m. | ACU Practice* |

***FIRST PRACTICE DAY**

Each team will be provided 90 minutes of practice time the day prior to the first competition at the site. 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. Television camera operators may videotape practice from the baseline, behind the courtside media area or from the public seating area during the first 15 minutes.

Day of First-Round Games – Saturday, March 23

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| 3 hours prior to tip-off | Media Workroom Opens |
| 3 hours prior to tip-off | Credential Distribution |
| 2 hours prior to tip-off | Media Buffet |
| 1 hour prior to tip-off | Facility Doors Open to Public |
| 2:30 p.m. | First-Round Game No. 1 |
| Approx. 30 min after game 1 ends | First-Round Game No. 2 |

Day Between First- and Second-Round Session – Sunday, March 24

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| 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Credential Distribution |
| 10:30 a.m. – 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 – Open Locker Room Media Availability |

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| 1:45 – 2 p.m. | Game No. 2 Winner News Conference – Head Coach |
| 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner News Conference – Players |
| 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner – Open Locker Room Media Availability |
| 2:35 – 2:50 p.m. | Game No. 1 Winner News Conference – Head Coach |

Day of Second-Round Game – Monday, March 25

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| 3 hours prior to tip-off | Media Workroom Hours |
| 3 hours prior to tip-off | Credential Distribution |
| 2 hours prior to tip-off | Media Buffet |
| 1 hour prior to tip-off | Facility Doors Open to Public |
| TBA after Saturday’s games | Second-Round Game |

HELPFUL LINKS

OFFICIAL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS & PLATFORMS – WOMEN’S BASKETBALL:

- Complete 2019 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship media coverage information is available at <http://www.ncaa.com/media>
- For more information about the 2019 Women’s Final Four, visit <http://www.ncaa.com/womens-final-four>
- Women’s Final Four Records Book (records from all rounds): <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/womens-final-four-records-book>
- 2018-19 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>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ncaawbb> (@NCAAWomensBKB)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCAAWomensBasketball> (NCAA Women's Basketball)
- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/NCAAsports> (@ncaawbb)

Hashtags:

Preliminary Rounds: #ncaaW
 Women’s Final Four: #WFinalFour

2019 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 Digital Library at <https://sportgraphics.widencollective.com/>. If you have an already established account or need to create one, you can do that there.

