



**2019 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®**  
**MEDIA INFORMATION**  
**April 5 & 7 – Amalie Arena – Tampa, Florida**

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**CREDENTIALS/LODGING**

**REQUESTS**

Media desiring credentials to cover the 2019 Women's Final Four in Tampa regardless of the participating teams must apply online at <http://www.ncaa.com/media>. Institutional media should apply via their team sports information contact. 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 government-issued photo ID. A sign-in sheet for individuals to confirm receipt of credential will be required. Media should be prepared for security screenings (walk-through magnetometers) and bag checks to enter the building each day.

Credentials will be distributed at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel on Wednesday, April 3 and then at Amalie Arena (Media Entrance) on Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 7 using the following credential distribution schedule:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Credential Pick-Up Times (All times local - ET)</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wednesday, April 3	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Hilton Tampa Downtown (Esplanade I)
Thursday, April 4	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Amalie Arena – Gate D
Friday, April 5	10 a.m. - tip-off of second game	Amalie Arena – Gate D
Saturday, April 6	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Amalie Arena – Gate D
Sunday, April 7	1 p.m. - halftime	Amalie Arena – Gate D

**MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL**

**Hilton Tampa Downtown** (211 North Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33602; 844-225-3950) will serve as the media headquarters at a rate of \$219 per night, plus tax. Media representatives desiring accommodations at the headquarters hotel are advised that the hotel requires a four-night minimum stay (Thursday night, April 4 through the night of the national championship game, April 7).

## LOGISTICS

### MEDIA SHUTTLE

A media shuttle will run from the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel to the Amalie Arena from Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 7 during the following hours:

Thursday, April 4:	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, April 5:	9:45 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Saturday, April 6:	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 7:	12:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.

### MEDIA PARKING

Media members not staying at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel must request parking passes through the online credential system. Parking passes, if requested and approved, will be provided at credential distribution. Media parking will be located in South Regional Parking Garage. Additional detailed information in regard to parking will be provided in advance for those with parking passes.

### MEDIA ENTRANCE

Media should follow the signs located outside of Amalie Arena to the media credential entrance (Gate D) off of Old Water St., across from the Tampa Bay History Center.

### From the Arena Garage:

Exit the garage onto Ford Thunder Alley and head south to the staircase located to the right of the Team Store. Once down the stairs, make a left and follow the perimeter of the building until you see Gate D on your left (across from the History Center).

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

Media Workroom Schedule (All times local – ET)	
Day	Times
Thursday, April 4	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, April 5	10 a.m. – four hours after the second game
Saturday, April 6	8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 7	1 p.m. – four hours after game ends

### MEDIA FOOD AND BEVERAGES

A complimentary media buffet, for credentialed individuals only, will be available daily at Amalie Arena from April 4 to April 7. Beverages and snacks will also be available on a continual basis.

### SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING

Satellite truck parking will be available outside Amalie Arena. These spaces are very limited. Note that all satellite truck units will be responsible for providing their own power. Contact Jordan Fisher, Amalie Arena (Office: 813-301-6855; Mobile: 813-731-5649; email: [jfisher@amaliearena.com](mailto:jfisher@amaliearena.com)) with any questions and to request satellite truck parking space.

### SATELLITE COORDINATES

All news conferences will be uplinked live and available for downlink in High Definition (HD) 1080i and will also be available via FTP delivery. Satellite coordinates will be available via the [NCAA.com/media](http://NCAA.com/media) website.

### **AUDIO/VIDEO DISTRIBUTION**

The NCAA will provide news conference content via a pool feed in the audio/video distribution area in the media workroom at Amalie Arena. This feed is available in High Definition (HD) 1080i with embedded audio. To record the feeds, media must provide a recording unit to access the live footage. BNC connections are required for the HD Mult Box / Press Bridge. Equipment must be able to accept these types of feeds and utilize those types of cables or adapters to record news conferences. Stations and networks broadcasting in 720p will be responsible for cross converting from 1080i to 720p. **Note that SD feeds are no longer available in the audio/video distribution area.**

### **FREQUENCY COORDINATION**

A dedicated frequency coordinator will be on site at Amalie Arena (IT Help Desk in media workroom) to provide assistance with channel distribution and to assist with any questions.

### **NEWS CONFERENCES AVAILABLE – NCAA DIGITAL MEDIA HUB**

All Women's Final Four news conferences will also be available on the **NCAA Digital Media Hub**. The files will be in 1080i and will be made available as soon as possible after each news conference concludes. Here's how to access:

### **DIGITAL MEDIA HUB**

All pre- and post-game news conferences from the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship from regional rounds through the Women's Final Four will be made available for download in the NCAA Digital Media Hub.

Please use the link below to navigate to the Digital Media Hub and follow the simple instructions to create an account. All users must create an account in order to download any content.

**Digital Media Hub URL:** [NCAA.com/mediahub](http://NCAA.com/mediahub)

For questions or support, please email [support@wazeedigital.com](mailto:support@wazeedigital.com) or contact the Hammond Communications representative on site.

### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The NCAA will provide complimentary wireless services and a limited number of courtesy hard lines at Amalie Arena, courtside and in the media work room/photography work areas. The only way to ensure that you will have access to a standard business line, ISDN line or high-speed data line is to order one for your agency's exclusive use at your expense. Please email the following address to order individual phone lines for the Women's Final Four: [itdepartment@amaliearena.com](mailto:itdepartment@amaliearena.com). For additional information, please contact Jay Young (813-731-6806, [jyoung@amaliearena.com](mailto:jyoung@amaliearena.com)) in the Amalie Arena IT Department.

### **STATBROADCAST REAL TIME STATS FEED.**

StatBroadcast® Live web and mobile stats for media are available via your laptop or by phone.

**Go to:** <http://www.ncaa.com/media/wfinalfour>

**Password:** To be provided on site.

### **SERVICES**

Runners will distribute play-by-play, halftime and final box scores to all media seating locations and in the media workroom. Transcripts 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.

## 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.

<b>NEWS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (All times local – ET)</b>	
<b>Day Before National Semifinals – April 4</b>	
8:30 – 9 a.m.	ESPN Talent Meet & Greet (Media Dining Area)
11:05 – 11:35 a.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 1
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 2
12:55 – 1:25 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 1
1:35 – 2:05 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 2
4:45 – 5:15 p.m.	Associated Press Coach and Player of the Year (Firestick Grill – Amalie Arena Concourse Level)
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	WBCA Coaches’ All America/Wade Trophy and Naismith Hall of Fame Starting Five Announcements (Firestick Grill – Amalie Arena Concourse Level)
<b>National Semifinals Game Day, April 5</b>	
USBWA News Conference - 3 p.m., Media Interview Room	
Winning and losing team news conference immediately following each game.	
<b>Day Before National Championship Game – April 6</b>	
10:20 – 10:50 a.m.	Semifinal Game 1 Winner One-on-One Interviews (coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms)
12:25 – 12:55 p.m.	Semifinal Game 2 Winner One-on-One Interviews (coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms)
<b>Day of National Championship Game – April 7 - Immediately following game.</b>	

**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 Committee representative to the officials’ locker room to receive an interpretation. All media questions in this regard should be directed to the pool reporter. A written statement to the media will follow.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All Times Local – ET)

### **Tuesday, April 2**

*Women’s Final Four Head Coach Press Teleconferences times with dial-in number and passcode.*

Time	Head Coach	Dial-In Number and Passcode
9 a.m.	Geno Auriemma, UConn	<b>800-230-1092; Code: 465338</b>
12 p.m.	Kelly Graves, Oregon	<b>800-230-1074; Code: 465339</b>

1 p.m.	Greensboro Regional Winning Head Coach	<b>800-230-1085; Code: 465404</b>
2 p.m.	Chicago Regional Winning Head Coach	<b>800-230-1092; Code: 465405</b>

#### **Day Before National Semifinals – Thursday, April 4**

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Media Shuttle – Hilton Tampa Downtown to Arena
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Credential Distribution
8 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
8:30 – 9 a.m.	ESPN Talent Meet & Greet (Media Dining Room)
9 – 10:45 a.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 1 Practice (Closed)*
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Media Buffet
10:50 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 1 Practice (Closed)*
11:05 a.m. – 11:35 p.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 1 News Conference
11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 1 Open Locker Room
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 2 News Conference
11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 2 Open Locker Room
12:40 – 2:25 p.m.	High Seed Semifinal Game 2 Practice (Closed)*
12:55 – 1:25 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 1 News Conference
1 – 1:30 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 1 Open Locker Room
1:35 – 2:05 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 2 News Conference
1:40 – 2:10 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 2 Open Locker Room
2:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Low Seed Semifinal Game 2 Practice (Closed)*
4:45 – 5:15 p.m.	Associated Press Coach and Player of the Year News Conference (Firestick Grill, Amalie Arena)
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	WBCA Coaches' All America Team/Wade Trophy and Naismith Hall of Fame Starting Five Announcements (Firestick Grill, Amalie Arena)

#### **\*DAY BEFORE NATIONAL SEMIFINAL GAME PRACTICE DAY**

Each team will be provided two hours of practice time the day prior to the national semifinals at Amalie Arena. The court will be open to members of the media for the first **15 MINUTES ONLY** 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 National Semifinals – Friday, April 5**

9:45 – 3 a.m.	Media Shuttle – Hilton Tampa Downtown to Arena
10 a.m. – Tipoff of Game 2	Credential Distribution
10 a.m. – Until Four Hours After Second Game	Media Workroom Hours
3 p.m.	USBWA News Conference
5 p.m.	Facility Doors Open to Public
5:30 p.m.	Photographers Meeting – Media Interview Room
5 – 7 p.m.	Media Buffet
7 p.m.	National Semifinal Game 1 (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m.	National Semifinal Game 2 (ESPN2)
12 – 2:30 a.m.	Media Hospitality (Hilton Tampa Downtown)

#### **Day Before National Championship Game – Saturday, April 6**

6 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Media Shuttle – Hilton Tampa Downtown to Arena
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Credential Distribution
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
10:20 – 10:50 a.m.	Semifinal Game 1 Winner One-on-One Interviews (coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms)
11:20 – 11:50 a.m.	Semifinal Game 1 Winner Coaches and Student-Athletes available in the locker room
12 – 2 p.m.	Media Buffet
12:25 – 12:55 p.m.	Semifinal Game 2 Winner One-on-One Interviews (coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms)
1:25 – 1:55 p.m.	Semifinal Game 2 Winner Coaches and Student-Athletes available in the locker room

## **Day of National Championship Games – Sunday, April 7**

1 p.m. – 12 a.m.

1 p.m. – Halftime of Championship Game

1 p.m. – Four Hours After Championship Game

4:30 p.m.

4 – 6 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6 p.m.

8 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Media Shuttle – Hilton Tampa Downtown to Arena

Credential Distribution

Media Workroom Hours

Photographers Meeting – Media Interview Room

Media Buffet

Facility Doors Open to Public

National Championship Game (ESPN)

Media Hospitality (Hilton Tampa Downtown)

## **HELPFUL LINKS**

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

- Hash tags:  
**#ncaaW**  
**#WFinalFour**  
**#WFFTampaBay**
- 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>
- 2019 Women’s Final Four Records Book: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/2019-womens-final-four-records>
- 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: <http://www.twitter.com/ncaawbb> (@ncaawbb)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCAAWomensBasketball> (NCAA Women's Basketball)
- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/NCAAWBB> (@ncaawbb)

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

