

NCAA MEDIA INFORMATION - DENVER

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BALL ARENA

1000 Chopper Circle
Denver, CO 80204

CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Credentials will not be mailed. Recipients must present a government-issued photo ID and verify that they are full-time, salaried employees of the media agency. A sign-in sheet for individuals to confirm receipt of credentials will be available.

All credentials will be distributed at Ball Arena. The media entrance is on the northeast side at the Club Lexus. There will be NO credential pickup at the media hotel. All media will only be permitted to enter the building at the media 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 16	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, March 17	7:30 a.m. – Halftime of last game
Saturday, March 18	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 19	4 hours before first tip – Halftime of last game

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Hyatt Centric Downtown Denver
1776 Champa Street
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 529-2340

The rate for the media headquarters hotel is set for \$189 per night. All rooms must be used for a minimum of two nights, the night before the first-round game and the night of the first competition at the site.

MEDIA SHUTTLE

The media shuttle from the Hyatt Centric to Ball Arena will depart in 15-minute intervals. These will occur before and after games and practices, and at 30-minute intervals during games and news conferences. The shuttle will pick up and drop off in front of Club Lexus, outside the media entrance, and the front drive of the Hyatt Centric. A tentative schedule for the shuttle is below:

MEDIA SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 16	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday, March 17	7:30 a.m. - 3 hours after presser
Saturday, March 18	10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 19	4 hours prior to tip – 3 hours after presser

MEDIA PARKING

Limited parking is available at Ball Arena, in the Tacoma lot. The entrance is off 12th Street. Media staying at the headquarters hotel are strongly encouraged to park there and ride the complimentary media shuttle to the arena.

SATELLITE UPLINKS/MOBILE TRUCKS PARKING

The satellite lot is located in the loading dock of Ball Arena; Please contact site media coordinator Stuart Buchanan at (970) 988-6304 or sbuchanan@TheMW.com to reserve a space. Spaces are first-come, first served. Power and security will be supplied.

MEDIA MEALS

Complimentary media meals, for credentialed individuals only, will be available in the Media Workroom of Ball Arena. Snacks and beverages will be available in a hospitality area near the work room on a limited basis.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 16

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Media workroom open, courtside open to media
10 a.m.	Doors open to public

Press Conferences in Interview Room

10:20 - 10:35 a.m.	UC Santa Barbara Student-Athletes
10:35 - 10:50 a.m.	UC Santa Barbara Coach
11:05 - 11:20 a.m.	NC State Student-Athletes
11:20 - 11:35 a.m.	NC State Coach
11:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Baylor Student-Athletes
12:05 - 12:20 p.m.	Baylor Coach
12:35 - 12:50 p.m.	Creighton Student-Athletes
12:50 - 1:05 p.m.	Creighton Coach
1:20 - 1:35 p.m.	Gonzaga Student-Athletes
1:35 - 1:50 p.m.	Gonzaga Coach
2:05 - 2:20 p.m.	TCU Student-Athletes
2:20 - 2:35 p.m.	TCU Coach
2:50 - 3:05 p.m.	Grand Canyon Student-Athletes
3:05 - 3:20 p.m.	Grand Canyon Coach
3:35 - 3:50 p.m.	Arizona State/Nevada Student-Athletes
3:50 - 4:05 p.m.	Arizona State/Nevada Coach

Practices (open to the media and public)

11 - 11:40 a.m.	UC Santa Barbara
11:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	NC State
12:30 - 1:10 p.m.	Baylor
1:15 - 1:55 p.m.	Creighton
2 - 2:40 p.m.	Gonzaga
2:45 - 3:25 p.m.	TCU
3:30 - 4:10 p.m.	Grand Canyon
4:15 - 4:55 p.m.	Arizona State/Nevada

Friday, March 17

7:30 a.m.	Media workroom open
9:30 a.m.	Courtside open to media
10 a.m.	Doors open to public
11:30 a.m.	UC Santa Barbara vs. Baylor
2 p.m.	NC State vs. Creighton
5:35 p.m.	Grand Canyon vs. Gonzaga
8:05 p.m.	Arizona State/Nevada vs. TCU

Saturday, March 18

10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Media workroom open
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Press Conferences in Interview Room

1:35 - 1:55 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winner Student-Athletes
1:55 - 2:15 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winner Coach
2:20 - 2:40 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner Student-Athletes
2:40 - 3 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner Coach
3:10 - 3:30 p.m.	Game No. 3 Winner Student-Athletes
3:30 - 3:50 p.m.	Game No. 3 Winner Coach
3:55 - 4:15 p.m.	Game No. 4 Winner Student-Athletes
4:15 - 4:35 p.m.	Game No. 4 Winner Coach

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Sunday, March 19

Four hours before first game
Two hours before first game
1.5 hours before first game

Media workroom open
Courtside open to media
Doors open to public

Media Activities Outside Interview Room

All student-athletes not participating in the press conference on the dais in the interview room or with Turner/CBS shall be made available in the team locker room during the same time the coach and selected members of the team are participating in the press conference. A representative of each institution's sports information staff shall be in the area and will coordinate these interview requests.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Cooling-Off Period. The cooling-off period is five minutes for the winning team and 15 minutes for the losing team. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period, but may not extend it. The cooling-off period begins when the head coach enters the locker room after the game.

Order of Appearance. The winning coach and student-athletes shall be scheduled in the interview room before the losing coach and student-athletes.

Participating Student-Athletes. The sports information director, working with the head coach and a designated pool reporter representing the USBWA, shall designate a minimum of two student-athletes to participate in the postgame press conference. Primary consideration will be given to student-athletes who had the biggest impact on the game.

Locker Rooms. The locker rooms will be open to the media for a minimum of 30 minutes after the cooling off period ends, provided media representatives are present the entire time. Student-athletes who do not play in the game and student-athletes selected for drug testing may depart earlier if they are not requested for interviews and are not participants in the postgame press conference.

At the institution's discretion, the locker room can remain open for individual interviews with players who were held in the holding area prior to going on the dais and thus were unavailable while other players were interviewed in the locker room.

The head coach has the option to allow representatives of WBDS/CBS television into the locker room before the game and during the cooling off period after the game.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS

Neither coaches nor student-athletes may conduct interviews via telephone until 15 minutes after the locker room opens.

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, WBDS/CBS All-Access crew).

LIVE STATS

ncaa.com/mediastats
Password: ncaamedia

DIGITAL MEDIA HUB

All off-day and postgame press conferences from all rounds of the Men's Division I Basketball Tournament will be made available for download in the NCAA Digital Media Hub.

<https://on.ncaa.com/d1mbbmedia>

PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts for official press conferences, both on off days and game days, will be available at each site and online, at the link below:

<http://www.ncaa.com/transcripts>

MINI-CAM POLICIES

Warner Bros. Discovery Sports/CBS Sports are the only television entities that may transmit live from inside Ball Arena on game days.

On Game Days. Non-Originating Agencies may capture video (i.e., B-roll footage) from within the arena up until sixty (60) minutes (except a WBDS or CBS affiliated Non-Originating Agency may do so up to thirty (30) minutes) before the first game of the day at each venue. During this time, Non-Originating Agencies' mini-cam operators may capture video such as pregame warmups, or the team entering or exiting the locker rooms or tunnels. All Non-Originating Agencies' video must be captured from designated areas such as the concourse, media workroom and accessible hallways (provided WBDS/CBS Sports' access is not inhibited or impaired in any way (e.g., blocking a WBDS/CBS Sports camera or obtaining an off the bus interview prior to a Non-Originating Agency); Non-Originating Agencies' camera operators are not permitted in the stands on game days, in a team's locker room before a game, on the court (other than on the baseline during this 60-minute window) or behind the scorer's table at any time.

STANDUPS: Non-Originating Agencies may record or do live hits from within the arena up until seventy-five (75) minutes before the first game of the day at each venue. During this time, Non-Originating Agencies' mini-cam operators and reporters may record standups, do live hits or capture other B-roll footage as detailed above. 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.

Non-Originating Agencies' access for the second session on the first-round game day (i.e., between the second and third games of the day at the venue) begins when WBDS/CBS Sports discontinues its first-session coverage from the site and continues until 60 minutes before tipoff of the first game of the next session. During this time, Non-Originating Agencies' mini-cam operators and reporters may record standups or capture video as detailed above. Note that this window will not necessarily be available; tip times will determine if the access outlined in this bullet point is permissible.

The host media coordinator will identify an area off the court for all Non-Originating Agencies' representatives to wait until WBDS/CBS Sports has discontinued its coverage from the site and escort them to the court when it is available.

Non-Originating Agencies' video equipment is limited to the hallways, video distribution area, and media workroom during the restricted-access times.

Open Practice Day. Non-Originating Agencies' representatives may record from courtside (when open to the general media), the back-of-house media areas, concourse or public seating areas. Live hits (either via broadcast or social media) are permitted from the back-of-house media areas, concourse or public seating areas; live hits are not permitted from courtside. Non-Originating Agencies are limited to two live hits per day, each with a maximum length of two minutes.

On Off Day. Non-Originating Agencies' representatives 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, Non-Originating 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 two live hits per day, each with a maximum length of two minutes. Non-Originating Agencies are not permitted courtside on this day.