

**2026 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FIRST FOUR, FIRST- AND SECOND-ROUND MEDIA INFORMATION
MARCH 18-22 – CAMERON INDOOR STADIUM
DURHAM, N.C.**



Host Institution: Duke University
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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>. **Important: If your media agency plans to attend ONLY if the team you regularly cover advances to Sacramento, 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 2026 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:

Credential Distribution Schedule	
Day	Times
First Practice Day, First Four, March 17	11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
First Four Game Day, March 18	3 hours before game until halftime of second game/game
First Practice Day, First-Round, March 19	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
First-Round Game Day, March 20	3 hours before game until halftime of second game
Day Before Second-Round Game, March 21	Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Second-Round Game Day, March 22	3 hours before until halftime of game

LOGISTICS

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Residence Inn Chapel Hill

Contact Person: Maleena Cutts

Phone: 910-224-2445

E-Mail: mcutts@shglt.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 Science Dr Garage (3100 Cameron Blvd).

MEDIA ENTRANCE: Media may enter Cameron Indoor Stadium at the marked door on the side of Rubenstein Pavilion. Out of the parking garage, media will cross Science Dr and walk between the track and soccer/lacrosse stadium until they reach Whitford Dr. At the crosswalk, take a right and Cameron Indoor Stadium will be on your left. Watch for media entrance signs. **Watch for media entrance signs.**

MEDIA SHUTTLE: Shuttle services begin from Science Dr Garage to Cameron Indoor Stadium starting two hours prior to tip-off of the first game of the session and run to 1 hour postgame.

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.

Media Workroom Schedule	
Day	Times
First Practice Day, First Four, March 17	11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
First Four Game Day, March 18	3 hours before until 3 hours after game
First Practice Day, First-Round, March 19	8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
First-Round Game Day, March 20	3 hours before until 3 hours after game
Day Before Second-Round Game, March 21	Noon – 5 p.m.
Second-Round Game Day, March 22	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.

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

NEWS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE	
Day Before First Four Game – March 17	
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Nebraska – Players
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Nebraska – Coach
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	Richmond – Players
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	Richmond – Coach
First Four Game Day – March 18	
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 First-Round Games – March 19	
10:45 – 11 a.m.	Duke – Players
11:05 – 11:20 a.m.	Duke – Coach
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Baylor – Players
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Baylor – Coach
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	College of Charleston – Players
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	College of Charleston – Coach
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Nebraska/Richmond – Players
4:05 – 4:20 p.m.	Nebraska/Richmond – Coach
Day of First-Round Games – March 20	
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 21	
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 22 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 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 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](#). The Workroom provides links to the following championship media-related items:

- **2026 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: Steve Shetensky - stephen.shetensky@duke.edu; 919-724-5561

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.

2026 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](#). If you have an already established account or need to create one, you can do that there.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All Times Local)

Tuesday, March 17, Day prior to First Four Game

*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.

11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Credential Distribution
11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Nebraska News Conference – Players
12:25 – 12:55 p.m.	Nebraska – Open Locker Room
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Nebraska News Conference - Coach
1:10 – 2:40 p.m.	Nebraska Practice* (90 minutes)
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	Richmond News Conference – Players
2:05 – 2:35 p.m.	Richmond – Open Locker Room
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	Richmond News Conference - Coach
2:50 – 4:20 p.m.	Richmond Practice* (90 minutes)

Wednesday, March 18, First Four Game Day

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
90 minutes prior to tipoff	Playing Floor Opens to Teams
1 hour prior to tipoff*	Facility Doors Open to Public
TBD	Opening-Round Game News Conferences Immediately following game.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Format – Overview by head coach (2 minutes).• Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion) (8 minutes)• Questions to head coach (10 minutes)

Thursday, March 19, 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.	Duke News Conference – Players
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Duke – Media Open Locker Room
11:05 – 11:20 a.m.	Duke News Conference - Coach
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Duke Practice* (90 minutes)
Noon – 2 p.m.	Media Meal
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Baylor News Conference – Players
12:25 – 12:55 p.m.	Baylor – Media Open Locker Room
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Baylor News Conference - Coach
1:10 – 2:40 p.m.	Baylor Practice* (90 minutes)
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	News Conference – Players
2:05 – 2:35 p.m.	College of Charleston – Media Open Locker Room
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	College of Charleston News Conference - Coach

2:50 – 4:20 p.m.	College of Charleston Practice* (90 minutes)
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Richmond/Nebraska News Conference – Players
3:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Richmond/Nebraska – Media Open Locker Room
4:05 – 4:20 p.m.	Richmond/Nebraska News Conference - Coach
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Richmond/Nebraska Practice* (90 minutes)

Friday, March 20, First-Round Game Day

3 hrs prior to tipoff until 3 hrs after 2nd game	Media Workroom Hours
3 hrs prior to tipoff until halftime of 2nd game	Credential Distribution
2 hours prior to tipoff up to tipoff	Media Meal
TBD	First-Round Game No. 1
Approx. 30 minutes after Game No. 1 ends	First-Round Game No. 2
	First-Round Game News Conferences
	Immediately following game.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 21, 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 22, 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.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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](https://twitter.com/MarchMadnessWBB)
- Instagram: [@MarchMadnessWBB](https://www.instagram.com/MarchMadnessWBB)
- Facebook: [/marchmadnesswbb](https://www.facebook.com/marchmadnesswbb)
- TikTok: [MarchMadnessWBB](https://www.tiktok.com/@MarchMadnessWBB)
- Regular Season: [#ncaaWBB](https://twitter.com/hashtag/ncaaWBB)
- Post Season: [#MarchMadness](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MarchMadness) / [#FirstFour](https://twitter.com/hashtag/FirstFour) / [#Sweet16](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Sweet16) / [#Elite8](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Elite8)
- Final Four: [#WFinalFour](https://twitter.com/hashtag/WFinalFour)

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR/HASH TAGS:

Twitter: [@WFinalFour](https://twitter.com/WFinalFour)

Instagram: [@WFinalFour](https://www.instagram.com/WFinalFour)

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