

# 2017 NCAA Men's Final Four Media Information

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University of Phoenix Stadium – capacity 76,000 (approximately) – Glendale, Arizona (Arizona State University, host)  
Semifinal Games – Saturday, April 1  
Game 1: Approximately 6 p.m. EST/3 p.m. local  
Game 2: 40 minutes following Game 1  
Championship Game – Monday, April 3. Tip approximately 9 p.m. EST/6 p.m. local

## Credentials

**PLEASE NOTE: Posting photos of NCAA Championships credentials on social media sites is prohibited. Doing so will result in your credential being revoked.**

For media covering a participating institution, the deadline for signing up for inclusion on the team media list for the Final Four is 6 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017. Media members must sign up to be on the list just as they did for previous rounds of the tournament.

## NCAA Final Four Media Headquarters Hotels

Courtyard Phoenix Camelback (2101 E. Camelback Rd.)  
Embassy Suites Biltmore (2630 E. Camelback Rd.)  
Homewood Suites Biltmore (2001 E. Highland Ave.).

Only credentialed members of the media will be allowed to stay in the media blocks and can receive the media rates at the media hotels. A valid credit card is required for all hotel reservations. There is a four-night minimum, which must include Friday, March 31 through Monday, April 3, with a departure of Tuesday, April 4. Those arriving earlier or departing later will be charged for the additional nights. Rooms should be requested during the online credential application process. **All hotel-related inquiries should be sent to Lauren McLaughlin ([lmclaughlin@ncaa.org](mailto:lmclaughlin@ncaa.org)).** Please do not call the hotel directly to make a reservation or change an existing one. Those who are approved for a credential and request a hotel room during the application process will be emailed a link to the site where your hotel reservation will be made.

## University of Phoenix Stadium Media Areas

**Media Credential Distribution:** Credential distribution will take place at the Glendale Media Center, located across from the ADA/Media entrance on the north side of the stadium. Enter on the east side of the center to pick up your credential. The media shuttle drop-off location is adjacent to the credential distribution center.

**Primary Stadium Media Entrance:** ADA/Media Gate, adjacent to Gate 2 and across from the credential distribution center.

**Media Space:** The media workroom, interview room, dining area, radio workroom, photo workroom and

audio/video distribution area are all located in the north end zone. To access these media areas, enter the stadium through the media entrance and take the escalator down to the lower level.

**Nikon and Canon Professional Services:** Within photo workroom

**Upper Photo Positions:** Section 108

**Telecommunications Help Desk:** Within Media Workroom

**Breakout Session Rooms:** Northwest entrance.

**Outside Broadcast Location/Satellite Truck Parking:** West 2 parking lot on the west side of stadium, near tailgate area.

**Upper Media Seating:** North and South end zones, football press box.

## Courtside Internet

Please note that all courtside seats, including end zone seats, will have an Ethernet connection. **It is suggested you bring an appropriate adapter for your device.**

## National Association of Basketball Coaches Convention

NABC convention events will take place at the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in downtown Phoenix.

## Division I Men's Basketball Committee

Mark Hollis, Michigan State, chair  
Bruce Rasmussen, Creighton, vice chair  
Mitch Barnhart, Kentucky  
Janet Cone, UNC Asheville  
Tom Holmoe, Brigham Young  
Paul Krebs, New Mexico  
Bernard Muir, Stanford  
Peter Roby, Northeastern  
Jim Schaus, Ohio  
Kevin White, Duke

## Media Access to University of Phoenix Stadium

Standard credentials issued by the NCAA are required for access to University of Phoenix Stadium from Sunday, March 26 through Monday, April 3 and are required to be worn at all times while in the stadium. A media credential permits admittance to the stadium through any entrance. Requests for entry into the stadium from Sunday, March

26 through Wednesday, March 29 should be made via email to David Worlock ([dworlock@ncaa.org](mailto:dworlock@ncaa.org)).

*Note that courtside access is not available to the media during closed practices on Thursday and Sunday, until 1 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Monday.*

### Final Four Credentials Will Again Include Photos

At the Final Four **only**, photos will appear on everyone's credential. Media members who do not submit a photo through the online credentialing system will have the opportunity to have their photo taken at the credential distribution center at the Glendale Media Center during normal credential distribution hours. However, those who do so may have extended delays in line and longer waits to pick up their credential. **You are strongly encouraged to submit a photo during the online application process.**

### Credential Distribution

All credentials must be claimed in person. Government-issued identification is required and security personnel will check all bags upon entry into the stadium. Approved members of the media may claim credentials at the **Glendale Media Center** (on the north side of the stadium) at the following times (all times local):

Thursday, March 30	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, March 31	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 1	10:30 a.m. until Game 1 half
Sunday, April 2	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday, April 3	3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Credential Zoning System

Once again, the NCAA will use a zoning system, with various areas of the stadium designated with numbers and letters. Those holding credentials will only have access to the numbered/lettered areas on their credential. Generally, members of the media will be assigned credential zones that will provide them access to public areas, working media areas (which includes back-of house locations and the press box), team locker rooms (during designated times only), courtside media seating, and the court/deck during approved times. All zones will be designated by the NCAA.

### Media Workroom

Media guides, press releases, updated statistics and notes, and other information will be available in the media workroom. The workroom hours are as follows.

Thursday, March 30	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, March 31	8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1	10:30 a.m. until four hours after the last press conference
Sunday, April 2	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, April 3	11 a.m. until four hours after the last press conference

### Media Welcome Party

The Phoenix Local Organizing Committee is hosting a free media welcome party from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 30. The event will take place at the Wrigley Mansion, located at 2501 E. Telawa Trail in Phoenix. Transportation will be provided to and from the mansion and media hotels. There will be an open bar and heavy appetizers will be available.

### News Conference Satellite Service

The NCAA will uplink the formal interview sessions held in the interview room at the stadium. The coordinates can be found at <http://www.ncaa.com/media>. **ALL TIMES LOCAL.**

- Thursday: 11:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m., 12:45-1:05 p.m., 1:50-2:10 p.m., 3:05-3:25 p.m. and 3:30-4 p.m.
- Friday: 10:30-10:50 a.m.; 11:30-11:50 a.m.; 12:30-12:50 p.m.; 1:30-1:50 p.m.
- Saturday: After both semifinal games
- Sunday: 12-12:30 p.m., 1:45-2:15 p.m.
- Monday: After the championship game

### Media Shuttle Service

The NCAA will provide shuttle service to credentialed media members to and from the media hotels and University of Phoenix Stadium Thursday-Monday at the following times:

Thursday, March 30	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, March 31	8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1	10:30 a.m. - Four hours after final press conference
Sunday, April 2	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, April 3	11 a.m. - Four hours after final press conference

The NCAA will also provide shuttle service for the media between the hotels and the Phoenix airport at these times:

Wednesday, March 29	10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (airport to hotel)
Thursday, March 30	10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (airport to hotel)
Friday, March 31	10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (airport to hotel)
Tuesday, April 4	4 a.m. - 3 p.m. (hotel to airport)

## Press Conference Transcripts

Transcripts for official press conferences, both on off days and game days, will be available at each site and online at [www.NCAA.com/Transcripts](http://www.NCAA.com/Transcripts).

## Parking for Media

Limited reserved media parking will be available at University of Phoenix Stadium in the West Preferred North parking lot on the west side of the stadium. Media should submit parking requests during the online credential application process.

## All-Tournament Team

After the championship game, the USBWA and NCAA's media coordination committee will coordinate the selection of the All-Tournament team, which includes the Most Outstanding Player. The team will be announced after the game via the public address system and in the media interview room.

## Parking for Satellite Trucks

For questions regarding satellite truck parking (West 2 Parking Lot) at University of Phoenix Stadium, contact either Scott Norton ([snorton@universityofphoenixstadium.com](mailto:snorton@universityofphoenixstadium.com)), or Katie Mulloy ([kmulloy@universityofphoenixstadium.com](mailto:kmulloy@universityofphoenixstadium.com)).

## Radio Frequency Coordination

For details regarding frequency coordination at University of Phoenix Stadium, please call Karl Voss at 602-989-2283 or email him at [kvoss@karlvoss.com](mailto:kvoss@karlvoss.com).

## Media Evaluation

To help improve the tournament in the future, please complete a survey that will be sent to you by the USBWA, or email your feedback to David Worlock at [dworlock@ncaa.org](mailto:dworlock@ncaa.org).

## Links

For championship media policies, broadcast and credential information, please visit [www.ncaa.com/media](http://www.ncaa.com/media).

Logo Library: <https://sportgraphics.widencollective.com/>.

NCAA championships records books:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/ncaa-records-books>

NCAA Men's Basketball Stats and Records:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/mens-basketball-statistics>

Men's Basketball Rules Book:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/mens-basketball-rules-game>

## NCAA's Media Coordination Committee

In Phoenix please contact one of these individuals if you have questions:

David Worlock, NCAA

J.D. Hamilton, NCAA

Jenn Rodgers, NCAA

Lauren McLaughlin, NCAA

Tim Allen, Big 12 Conference

Porter Binks, Photography Consultant

Rob Carolla, Big 12 Conference

Claude Felton, Georgia

Mark Fratto, Interview Room Moderator

Chuck Gallina, Auburn

Mike Kern, Missouri Valley Conference

Scott Kuykendall, Marquette

Chevonne Mansfield, American Athletic Conference

Courtney Morrison-Archer, Conference USA

Jeff Nelson, Penn St.

Greg Seitz, Jacksonville St.

Mike Stamus, Georgia Tech

The local media coordinator is Doug Tamaro of Arizona State University.

## Final Four Schedule of Media Events

(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

### MONDAY, MARCH 27

11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Media Teleconference with Final Four Head Coaches (each coach will speak for 20 minutes)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Credential distribution

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Media shuttle operates

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Media workroom is open

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Media buffet

11:15-11:40 a.m. Game 1 Lower Seed locker room open

11:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Game 1 Lower Seed Head Coach press conference

12:15-12:40 p.m. Game 1 Higher Seed locker room open

12:45-1:05 p.m. Game 1 Higher Seed Head Coach press conference

1:10-1:35 p.m. Game 2 Lower Seed locker room open

1:15-1:45 p.m. AP Player/Coach of the Year press conference

1:50-2:10 p.m. Game 2 Lower Seed Head Coach press conference

2:15-2:40 p.m. Game 2 Higher Seed locker room open

3:05-3:25 p.m. Game 2 Higher Seed Head Coach press conference

3:30-4 p.m. NCAA President Mark Emmert press conference, University of Phoenix Stadium interview room

6-10 p.m. Media Welcome Party (Wrigley Mansion)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Media workroom is open

8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Media shuttle operates

8-9:15 a.m. USBWA Writing Workshop, University of Phoenix Stadium

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Credential distribution

9:15-9:45 a.m. USBWA Oscar Robertson Trophy Player of the Year press conference, University of Phoenix Stadium interview room

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Media buffet

11 a.m.-2:50 p.m. Team practices, University of Phoenix Stadium (open to the media and public)

10:15 a.m.-1:50 p.m. News conferences and breakout sessions (detailed schedule follows)

2:45-3:45 p.m. Turner/CBS Talent Availability

3:35 p.m. Reese's All-Star Game, University of Phoenix Stadium

#### Game 1 Lower Seed

10:15-10:35 a.m. Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes

10:30-10:40 a.m. Head Coach News Conference

10:40-10:50 a.m. Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference

10:15-10:50 a.m. Locker room opens to other student-athletes

11-11:50 a.m. Open practice

#### Game 1 Higher Seed

11:15-11:35 a.m. Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes

11:30-11:40 a.m. Head Coach News Conference

11:40-11:50 a.m. Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference

11:15-11:50 a.m. Locker room opens to other student-athletes

12-12:50 p.m. Open practice

#### Game 2 Lower Seed

12:15-12:35 p.m. Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes

12:30-12:40 p.m. Head Coach News Conference

12:40-12:50 p.m. Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference



12:15-12:50 p.m.	Locker room opens to other student-athletes	<b>Game 1 Winner</b> 12-12:30 p.m.	Head Coach News Conference
1-1:50 p.m.	Open practice	12:20-12:30 p.m.	Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference
<b>Game 2 Higher Seed</b>			
1:15-1:35 p.m.	Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes	12:35-12:55 p.m.	Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes
1:30-1:40 p.m.	Head Coach News Conference	1-1:30 p.m.	Locker room opens to the media
1:40-1:50 p.m.	Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference	1:45-3:15 p.m.	Practice (closed to the media)
1:15-1:50 p.m.	Locker room opens to other student-athletes	<b>Game 2 Winner</b> 1:45-2:15 p.m.	Head Coach News Conference
2-2:50 p.m.	Open practice	2:05-2:15 p.m.	Head Coach/Student-Athletes News Conference
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 1</b>			
10:30 a.m.	Media workroom opens (closes four hours after final press conference)	2:20-2:40 p.m.	Breakout sessions for five selected student-athletes
	Media shuttle operates (stops four hours after final press conference)	2:45-3:15 p.m.	Locker room opens to the media
	Credential distribution begins (ends at halftime of the first semifinal)	3:30-5 p.m.	Practice (closed to the media)
		3:45-5 p.m.	NCAA State of the Game Roundtable, University of Phoenix Stadium (invite only)
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Media buffet	<b>MONDAY, APRIL 3</b>	
1 p.m.	Courtside opens to media	11 a.m.	Media workroom opens (closes four hours after final press conference)
3:09 p.m.	Semifinal Game 1 (Game 2 will start 40 minutes following the conclusion of Game 1)		Media shuttle operates (stops four hours after final press conference)
	<i>Press conferences take place after each game in the interview room; the winning teams go first.</i>	TBD	News conference: 2017 Basketball Hall of Fame, Location TBD
9-11 p.m.	Media buffet	TBD	USBWA Awards Luncheon and Meeting, Location TBD
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 2</b>			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Credential distribution	3:30 p.m.-12 a.m.	Courtside opens to media
10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Media workroom is open	3:30-6 p.m.	Credential distribution
10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Media shuttle operates	4-6 p.m.	Media buffet
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Media buffet	6:19 p.m.	Championship game
12-12:55 p.m.	Game 1 Winner press conference and breakout sessions (detailed schedule follows)		<i>Press conferences take place after the game in interview room; winning team goes first.</i>
1:45-2:40 p.m.	Game 2 Winner press conference and breakout sessions (detailed schedule follows)	9:30-11:30 p.m.	Media Buffet (media workroom)
6-9 p.m.	**NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show and Reception (credentials required)	Approx. 9:15 p.m.	NABC trophy presentation

\*\*Please note that media credentials will be honored for admission to working media at NABC events during the Final Four. Rick Leddy (ricknabc@gmail.com) is the media liaison for the NABC. For credentials to the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame news conference, please contact Paul Lambert, 413-231-5502.

