

2017 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship

Preliminary Rounds Media Information

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Apply for Credentials Online (All Rounds)

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

For preliminary round and Final Four credentials, and to reserve a hotel room at the media headquarters hotel at each site, go to www.ncaa.com/media after December 15.

Deadline dates for **preliminary round** credential applications, for national, international and local media:

Wednesday, March 1

11:59 p.m. EST Local media to the host institution or conference (all preliminary round sites)

Monday, March 13

5 p.m. EST National media and international media at the First Four and at all first- and second-round sites

Monday, March 20

5 p.m. EST National and international media at all regional sites

Final Four Credentials

For national, international and Houston-area media, the deadline to submit a Final Four credential application is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

For media members who cover a participating institution, please note the procedure for receiving credentials:

During the course of the season and again after the bracket is announced at 5:30 p.m. EST on Sunday, March 12, each participating institution's sports information director will instruct media members who meet NCAA criteria to sign up for inclusion on the team's media list via the NCAA's online credential system. Media members have until 6 p.m. EST on Monday, March 13 to sign up for inclusion on the list for a team playing in a First Four game, or in a first-round game (for the 60 teams not playing in the First Four). ***If the team that a media member covers advances to the next site (i.e. wins a First Four game in Dayton to advance to a first/second-round site, wins a second-round game to advance to a regional site, or wins a regional final to advance to the Final Four), they must sign up for inclusion on the team media list again.*** The deadline for signing up for inclusion on the team media list for a regional site is 6 p.m. EST on Monday, March 20, and the deadline

for signing up for inclusion on the team media list for the Final Four is 6 p.m. on Monday, March 27.

Preliminary Round 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. The host media coordinator will provide a sign-in sheet for individuals to sign and confirm receipt of credentials.

Day	Times
First Four Practice Day	3 – 9 p.m.
First Four Game Day 1	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
First Four Game Day 2	2 – 8 p.m.
First-Round Practice Day	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
First-Round Game Day	Begins four hours before tipoff of first game, ends at halftime of last game
Day Between First and Second Rounds	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Second-Round Game Day	Begins four hours before tipoff of first game, ends at halftime of second game
Regional Open Practice Day	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Regional Semifinals Game Day	Begins four hours before tipoff of first game, ends at halftime of second game
Day Between Regional Semifinal and Regional Final	12 – 4 p.m.
Regional Final Game Day	Begins four hours before tipoff, ends at halftime

Media Shuttle and Media Workroom at Competition Venue

Here are the operating hours for the media shuttle and media workroom at all preliminary round sites:

First Four

The media shuttle from the headquarters hotel (University of Dayton Courtyard) to the University of Dayton Arena will operate on the day before the first two First Four games (Monday, March 13) and on both game days (Tuesday/Wednesday, March 14 and 15). Departures will occur at 15-minute intervals before and after games and practices. Departures will occur at 30-minute intervals during games and news conferences. Shuttle schedules will be posted in the headquarters hotel and in the media workroom at the facility. Media workroom and shuttle hours are as follows:

Day	Hours
Monday	3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. until four hours after the last press conference
Wednesday	2 p.m. until four hours after the last press conference

Media Shuttle

The media shuttle from the headquarters hotel to the facility will operate on all days: open practice day, the “off” day and game days. Departures will occur at 15-minute intervals before and after games and practices. Departures will occur at 30-minute intervals during games and news conferences. Shuttle schedules will be posted in the headquarters hotel and in the media workroom at the facility. Media workroom and shuttle hours are as follows:

First- and Second-Rounds

Day	Hours
Open practice day	9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
First game day	Four hours prior to tipoff of first game until four hours after conclusion of last press conference
“Off” day	10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Second Game Day	Four hours prior to tipoff of first game until four hours after conclusion of last press conference

Regionals

Day	Hours
Open practice day	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
First game day	Four hours prior to tipoff of first game until four hours after conclusion of last press conference
“Off” day	12 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Second Game Day	Four hours prior to tipoff of first game until four hours after conclusion of last press conference

Media Teleconference Schedule

To participate in the following teleconferences, media representatives should obtain the dial-in number and the confirmation number to participate or listen to each of these calls. To receive these numbers, email David Worlock at dworlock@ncaa.org.

Wednesday, February 8

12 p.m. EST Q&A with Mark Hollis

Wednesday, March 8

11 a.m. EST Q&A with Mark Hollis

Sunday, March 12

9 p.m. EST Q&A with Mark Hollis

News conferences involving the head coach and selected student-athletes from each participating institution will follow every game of the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship. News conferences also will take place the day before competition and the day between competition in the interview room at the competition venue at all preliminary-round sites. **All times are local.**

Day before First Four game day 1	4:20 to 7:15 p.m.
Day before First Four game day 2	11:20 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Day before first round	11:20 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.; 3:45 to 6:30 p.m.
Day before second round	1:35 to 4:35 p.m.
Day before regional semifinals	1 to 3 p.m.
Day before regional finals	2:50 to 4:20 p.m.

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.

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 personal device.

Media Parking

Limited parking is available at each arena, primarily for media representatives with heavy equipment to transport. Media members staying at the headquarters hotel are encouraged to park there and ride the complimentary media shuttle to the arena. Media members not staying at the headquarters hotel should indicate their parking needs on their online credential application. Parking passes are not guaranteed and carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Satellite Truck Parking

A media outlet desiring specific parking spaces for satellite uplink trucks should notify the host media coordinator, who will inform them of the lot location. The facility will charge between \$250 and \$500 for parking in this lot. Power and security will be supplied.

Links

For championship media policies, broadcast and credentials information, please visit 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>

Dates and Sites

First Four

- Dayton, Ohio, March 14 and 15 (University of Dayton, host)

First and Second Rounds

- Buffalo, NY, March 16 and 18, KeyBank Center (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, host)
- Milwaukee, WI, March 16 and 18, BMO Harris Bradley Center (Marquette University, host)
- Orlando, FL, March 16 and 18, Amway Center (UCF, Stetson University, hosts)
- Salt Lake City, UT, March 16 and 18, EnergySolutions Arena (University of Utah, host)
- Greenville, SC, March 17 and 19, Bon Secours Wellness Arena (Southern Conference, Furman University, hosts)

- Indianapolis, IN, March 17 and 19, Bankers Life Fieldhouse (Horizon League, IUPUI, hosts)
- Tulsa, OK, March 17 and 19, BOK Center (University of Tulsa, host)
- Sacramento, CA, March 17 and 19, Golden 1 Center (California State University, Sacramento, host)

Regionals

- Kansas City, MO, March 23 and 25, Sprint Center Center (Big 12 Conference, host)
- San Jose, CA, March 23 and 25, SAP Center (Pac-12 Conference, host)
- Memphis, TN, March 24 and 26, FedExForum (University of Memphis, host)
- New York City, NY, March 24 and 26, Madison Square Garden (Big East Conference, St. John's University, hosts)

Final Four

- Phoenix, April 1 and 3, University of Phoenix Stadium (Arizona State University, host)

