



NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

MEDIA INFORMATION

College Park, Maryland: March 20 & 22

For complete NCAA media policies and other information, visit: www.NCAA.com/media

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CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Media desiring credentials to cover games, regardless of which teams are competing at the site, must apply online at www.ncaa.com/media. All other "team" media will be on a list submitted by the participating team's sports information contact and should coordinate arrangements with that individual. 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.

CREDENTIAL 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, March 19	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
First-Round Game Day, March 20	Noon – 9 p.m.
Day Before Second-Round Game, March 21	Noon – 2 p.m.
Second-Round Game Day, March 22	3 - 8 p.m.

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Media representatives desiring accommodations at the headquarters hotel are advised that the hotel requires a two-night minimum stay (first practice night and the night of the first games).

Mariott Inn and Conference Center

3501 University Blvd. East

Hyattsville, MD 27803

Phone: 301/985-7300

Per Night Cost: \$ 139

DIRECTIONS

From Baltimore-Washington International Airport to Marriott Inn and Conference Center

1-95 South to exit 27 (495 West/US 1). Stay left immediately after the split and follow signs to Rt. 1 College Park. Take Exit 25b to US 1 South and travel .9 miles. Take ramp onto Rt. 193 West and at the 3rd traffic light (Adelphi Road), make a U-Turn. Take an immediate right into UMUC Campus. Follow signs to the Inn & Conference Center.

From the Comcast Center

Turn left out of the Comcast Center and proceed to Rt. 193, turn left onto Rt. 193/University Blvd. Turn left at Adelphi Road. The Inn and Conference Center will be on your left.

MEDIA BUFFET

Complimentary media buffets, for credentialed individuals only, will be available at the Comcast Center. On first practice day from noon to 1:30 p.m. and on first- and second-round game days beginning two hours prior to tip-off. Beverages and snacks will also be provided on a limited basis.

MEDIA PARKING

Parking for media representatives is available in all of the lots surrounding Comcast Center. No parking passes needed. Team radios should contact host media coordinator.

MEDIA SHUTTLE

A media shuttle will not be available.

MEDIA WORKROOM

A workroom will be provided at Comcast Center in Heritage Hall for credentialed media with the following hours of operation.

Media Workroom Schedule	
Day	Times
First Practice Day, March 19	9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
First-Round Game Day, March 20	3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after last game.

Day Before Second-Round Game,	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
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March 21	
Second-Round Game Day, March 22	3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after last game.

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.

News Conference Schedule	
First Practice Day, March 19:	
10:50 – 11:20 a.m.	Maryland
12:30 – 1 p.m.	St. Francis (Pa.)
2 – 2:30 p.m.	Georgetown
3:30 – 4 p.m.	Princeton
First-Round Game Day, March 20: Immediately following each game.	
Day Before Second-Round Game, March 21:	
12:20 – 12:50 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winner
2 – 2:30 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner
Day of Second-Round Game, March 22: Immediately following game.	

News Conference Format	
Day Prior to First and Second-Round Games:	
Fifteen minutes (max)	Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion)
Fifteen minutes (max)	Questions to head coach
Game Days:	
Two minutes (max)	Overview by head coach
Eight minutes (max)	Questions to student-athletes (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion)
Ten minutes (max)	Questions to head coach

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. The host media coordinator will accompany the pool reporter and provide a written statement to the media following the session.

SATELLITE UPLINKS

Please note that satellite uplink services will not be provided at any of the first- and second-round sites during the 2011 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. If you wish to obtain news conference footage from any of these sites, please plan accordingly to do so on site, or arrange for another credentialed media agency to provide this footage for you.

Satellite uplink service will be available at all regional sites and at the 2011 Women's Final Four in Indianapolis. The NCAA will be providing in A/V Distribution both a High Definition 1080i feed with embedded audio and a Standard Definition analog feed of the press conferences. The HD feed will be on BNC connectors. The SD feed will be composite analog video and on BNC connectors. Analog audio feed will be on XLR male connectors at line level. Satellite distribution will be High Definition 1080i only. Stations and networks will be responsible for cross-converting to 720p if they are broadcasting in HD 720p. Any re-feed of the press conferences will be in SD format only.

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 host media coordinator.

SERVICES

Runners will distribute play-by-play, halftime and final box scores to the media at courtside and in the media workroom. Typed quotes 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. Media are asked to provide their facsimile and/or e-mail postgame services requests on a sign-up list that is posted in the media workroom.

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR RECORDS BOOK

The 2011 Women's Final Four Records Book is available online only at <http://ncaapublications.com/p-4218-official-2011-ncaa-womens-final-four-record-book.aspx>.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(All Times Local –Eastern Standard time)

March 19

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Credential Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
10:50 – 11:20 a.m.	Maryland News Conference
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Maryland Practice*
12:30 – 1 p.m.	St. Francis (Pa.) News Conference
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Media Buffet
1:10 – 2:40 p.m.	St. Francis (Pa.) Practice*
2 – 2:30 p.m.	Georgetown News Conference
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Georgetown Practice*
3:30 – 4 p.m.	Princeton News Conference
4:20 – 5:50 p.m.	Princeton Practice*

***FIRST PRACTICE DAY**

Each team will be provided 90 minutes of practice time the day prior to the first competition at the site. 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. Maryland's practice will remain open for the full 90 minutes. Mini-camera operators may videotape practice from the baseline, behind the courtside media area or from the public seating area.

March 20

3 hours prior to tip-off	Media Workroom Hours
2 hours prior to tip-off	Credential Distribution
2 hours prior to tip-off	Media Buffet
1 hour prior to tip-off	Facility Doors Open to Public
12:20 p.m.	4-Maryland vs. 13-St. Francis (Pa.)
Approx. 2:30 p.m.	5-Georgetown vs. 12-Princeton

March 21

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Credential Distribution
12:20 – 12:50 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winner News Conference
2 – 2:30 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner News Conference

March 22

3 hours prior to tip-off	Media Workroom Hours
2 hours prior to tip-off	Credential Distribution
2 hours prior to tip-off	Media Buffet
1 hour prior to tip-off	Facility Doors Open to Public
7 p.m.	Second-Round Game

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information is available at www.NCAA.com

For more information about the 2011 Women's Final Four,
please log in to www.NCAA.com/finalfour