2017 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL MEDIA INFORMATION
March 24 & 26 – Chesapeake Energy Arena – Oklahoma City, OK

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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**. Each participating institution's sports information contact will direct team media to apply for credentials via the online credential system as well. 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	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Regional Semifinal Game Day	3 hours before tipoff of first game until halftime of last game
Day Before Regional Final Game	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Regional Final Game Day	3 hours before tipoff until halftime

LOGISTICS

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Courtyard Oklahoma City Downtown, 2 W. Reno Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102; 405-232-2290
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 regional semifinal games).

MEDIA PARKING: Media members must request parking passes via the online credentials system. Parking passes, if requested and approved, will be provided at credentials distribution. Media parking is below the Cox Convention Center, north of Chesapeake Energy Arena across Reno Ave. Enter via the Robinson St. (west) or E.K. Gaylord Blvd. (east) ramps. Show parking pass to attendant.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: The media entrance is located on the east side of Chesapeake Energy Arena (next to media hotel).

MEDIA SHUTTLE: A media shuttle **WILL NOT** be available.

MEDIA BUFFET: Complimentary media buffets, for credentialed individuals only, will be available on the first practice day from noon to 1:30 p.m. and on the regional semifinal and championship game days beginning two hours prior to tip-off. 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	8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Regional Semifinal Game Day	3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after last game.
Day Before Regional Final Game	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regional Final Game Day	3 hours prior to tip-off until 4 hours after game.

ACCESS INFORMATION

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	
Day Before Regional Semifinals – Thursday, March 23	
10:45 – 11 a.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed - Coach
11:05 – 11:20 a.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed - Players
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed - Coach
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed - Players
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed - Coach
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed - Players
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed - Coach
4:05 – 4:20 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed - Players
Regional Semifinals Game Day – Friday, March 24 Immediately following each game.	
Day Before Regional Final Game – Saturday, March 25	
11 – 11:15 a.m.	Game No. 1 Winner - Team
11:20 – 11:35 a.m.	Game No. 1 Winner One-on-One, Coach on dais
1:10 – 1:25 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner - Team
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner One-on-One, Coach on dais
Day of Regional Final Game – Sunday, March 26 Immediately following game.	

NEWS CONFERENCE FORMAT	
Day Prior to Regional Semifinal Games	
Fifteen minutes (max)	Questions to head coach
Fifteen minutes (max)	Questions to student-athletes
Day Prior to Regional Final Game	
Fifteen minutes (max)	Group interview with head coach and five starters in the interview room (dismiss student-athletes at conclusion)
Fifteen minutes (max)	Questions to head coach in the interview room. Student-athletes will be available in the locker room.
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 Championship 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 TRUCK PARKING: Satellite truck parking will be available. Please contact the host media coordinator for full details.

NEWS CONFERENCE FOOTAGE: All news conferences will be recorded by Hammond Communicatons and provided via an FTP site. The files will be in 1080i and will be made available as soon as possible after the news conference is complete. FTP site instructions will be provided on site and at **http://www.ncaa.com/media**.

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 e-mail address for postgame services requests on a sign-up list that is posted in the media workroom.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(**All Times Local**)

Day Before Regional Semifinals – Thursday, March 23

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Credential Distribution
8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
10:45 – 11 a.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed News Conference – Coach
11:05 – 11:20 a.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed News Conference – Players
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed Practice*
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Media Buffet
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed News Conference – Coach
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed News Conference – Players
1:10 – 2:40 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed Practice*
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed News Conference – Coach
2:25 – 2:40 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed News Conference – Players
2:50 – 4:20 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed Practice*
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed News Conference – Coach
4:05 – 4:20 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed News Conference – Players
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed 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 ONLY** of practice after which the court will be cleared and practice closed. Television camera operators may videotape practice from the baseline, behind the courtside media area or from the public seating area during the first 15 minutes.

Day of Regional Semifinals – Friday, March 24

3 hours prior to tip-off	Media Workroom Hours
3 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
6 p.m. CT	Regional Semifinal Game No. 1
30 minutes after Game 1	Regional Semifinal Game No. 2

Day Before Regional Final – Saturday, March 25

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Credential Distribution
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Media Workroom Hours
11 – 11:15 a.m.	Game No. 1 Winner Team News Conference
11:20 – 11:35 a.m.	Game No. 1 Winner One-on-One News Conferences Coach remains on dais.
1:10 – 1:25 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner Team News Conference
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner One-on-One News Conferences Coach remains on dais.

Day of Regional Final – Sunday, March 26

3 hours prior to tip-off	Media Workroom Hours
3 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
6:30 p.m.	Regional Championship Game

HELPFUL LINKS

OFFICIAL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS & PLATFORMS – WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

- Complete 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship media coverage information is available at http://www.ncaa.com/media
- For more information about the 2017 Women's Final Four, visit http://www.ncaa.com/womens-final-four
- 2017 Women's Final Four Records Book: http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/2017-womens-final-four-records
- 2016-17 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
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/ncaawbb (**@NCAAWomensBKB**)
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NCAAWomensBasketball (**NCAA Women's Basketball**)
- Instagram: http://instagram.com/NCAAsports **(@ncaasports**)

2017 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 Digital Library at https://sportgraphics.widencollective.com/. If you have an already established account or need to create one, you can do that there.