

# 2020-21 Men's and Women's Basketball Media Policies and Information

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, media should expect several changes surrounding game day at Colonial Life Arena for Gamecock men's and women's basketball this season. Please see below for information and policies for the 2020-21 campaigns.*

## **Media Seating/Pool Photography and Videography**

This season the media seating area will be limited to 14 socially-distanced spaces. There will be four video/photo shooting locations located in the stands, with one of those reserved for the pool videographer and another for the pool photographer. All pool photos and video will be uploaded to the SEC FTP. For those who want access to the SEC FTP, please email [licensing@xosdigital.com](mailto:licensing@xosdigital.com); there is a form that will need to be filled out prior to obtaining access.

Pool videography will be handled by the four Columbia-area television stations (WACH, WIS, WLTX, WOLO), and pool photographers will be staffed by The State Newspaper, The Big Spur and Gamecock Central. In addition, there will be two spaces for wire services. Video and photo work space and equipment storage will be located in Suite B on the concourse level.

**Credentialed media will NOT be permitted within the buffer zone or on the court at any time this season.**

## **Media Room Access/Game Notes**

The media room will not be open to media this season. A flip card will be placed at each media seat prior to doors opening. Media should plan to find game notes and other important information via the men's and women's basketball media central pages that can be found on GamecocksOnline.com.

## **Credentials**

For both men's and women's basketball, media will apply for credentials through Sports Systems. There will not be a season credential option for the 2020-21 season, as all media will have to apply on a game-by-game basis. Only one media member per outlet will be permitted for each game. Applications must come from the media organization's sports director/editor or assignment coordinator.

All media will be required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times and in all areas of the arena for the entirety of their time covering the game, including postgame.

Below is an open and close schedule for credentials for men's and women's basketball games this season. Should any changes be made to this schedule, SIDs Emily Miles and/or Diana Koval will send updated information.

This season, credentials will be picked up at Will Call of the main Colonial Life Arena box office. Will call will open one hour prior to tipoff for all games this season. Media should enter at the main front door lobby area of the arena and proceed to Will Call. You will be required to show your ID to obtain your credential. Media will also pick up a food coupon for concessions when receiving their credential, and each media seat will have a pre-placed bottle of water.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Media who are credentialed for a game will receive a COVID-19 symptoms check email the night before the game, that must be completed within 12 hours of game time, but no later than two hours prior to game time, as to allow time for the SIDs to ensure the form has been completed.

*Game Credential Request Open and Close Dates (each open begins at 9 AM ET, and each close is 5 PM ET):*

<b>Game</b>	<b>Open Date</b>	<b>Close Date</b>
W: Coll. of Charleston (Nov. 25)	Nov. 19	Nov. 21
M: Exhibition (Coker) (Nov. 25)	Nov. 19	Nov. 21
W: NC State (Dec. 3)	Nov. 26	Nov. 29
M: Wofford (Dec. 10)	Nov. 26	Dec. 6
W: Temple (Dec. 17)	Dec. 3	Dec. 13
M: Clemson (Dec. 19)	Dec. 3	Dec. 15
M: S.C. State (Dec. 23)	Dec. 16	Dec. 19
W: Ole Miss (Dec. 31)	Dec. 16	Dec. 27
M: Florida A&M (Jan. 2)	Dec. 23	Dec. 29
M: Texas A&M (Jan. 6)	Dec. 23	Jan. 3
W: Georgia (Jan. 7)	Dec. 23	Jan. 4
M: Tennessee (Jan. 12)	Dec. 23	Jan. 8
W: Arkansas (Jan. 18)	Jan. 4	Jan. 14
M: Auburn (Jan. 23)	Jan. 8	Jan. 19
M: Georgia (Jan. 27)	Jan. 8	Jan. 23
W: Alabama (Jan. 31)	Jan. 8	Jan. 27
M: Miss. State (Feb. 6)	Jan. 22	Feb. 2
M: Alabama (Feb. 9)	Jan. 22	Feb. 5
W: Missouri (Feb. 11)	Jan. 22	Feb. 7
M: Ole Miss (Feb. 13)	Jan. 22	Feb. 9
W: LSU (Feb. 14)	Feb. 1	Feb. 10
M: Missouri (Feb. 20)	Feb. 1	Feb. 16
W: Kentucky (Feb. 21)	Feb. 1	Feb. 17
W: Florida (Feb. 25)	Feb. 15	Feb. 21
M: Arkansas (Mar. 2)	Feb. 15	Feb. 26

### **Parking**

Should you be approved for parking, lots A and C will be utilized for media parking this season. SIDs Emily Miles and Diana Koval will send an email when parking is available for pick up.

### **Postgame**

All postgame interviews for coaches and student-athletes will be done through Zoom this season. Please see below for important details:

- **Men's games:** postgame will be done for the home and visiting team via two different Zoom links, and may occur simultaneously. Each team will set up their own Zoom link. Postgame media will be uploaded to the SEC FTP shortly after the conclusion of the media session.
- **Women's games:** postgame will be done for the home and visiting team via the same Zoom link. The home team will be responsible for setting up the Zoom link. Postgame media will be uploaded to the SEC FTP shortly after the conclusion of the media session.

South Carolina Athletics has prepared for as quiet of an environment as possible in the media seating area for postgame Zoom sessions.