South Carolina Men’s and Women’s Basketball
2023-24 Media Policies and Information

Credentials
Credential applications for both men's and women's basketball must be submitted by the media organization's sports director/editor. Due to limited space on the court, each media organization will be limited to one baseline position for a photographer or videographer.

For men's basketball, media can apply for credentials (season or single-game) through SportsSystems at: https://clients.sportssystems.com/clients/seccredentials/

For women's basketball, media should email their credential requests (season or single-game) to Diana Koval at dkoval@mailbox.sc.edu.

All credentials must be picked up for each game at Media Will Call on game day.

Parking
Media approved for parking will be notified when the passes are available for distribution. The passes will be for Lot A, which is the lot directly in front of Colonial Life Arena across Greene Street. (See map attached)

Media Will Call
Media Will Call will be located in the Colonial Life Arena box office at a specifically marked window. Inside the main entrance of the arena, go down the steps to the left to the box office. Photo ID will be required. Media Will Call will open and close with the box office, which opens one hour before tipoff and closes at approximately halftime.

Exceptions to the hours listed for Media Will Call will be communicated to the media by Michael DeBates (men's games) or Diana Koval (women's games). Media arriving after Media Will Call has closed must call/text DeBates or Koval to make arrangements to pick up their credential.

Media Work Room
The Media Work Room located in the tunnel between Sections 108 and 109 will be open for use by writers. (Photographers and videographers will work from a separate area.) Both rooms will open at the same time as Media Will Call (one hour before tipoff) and close no more than two hours after the conclusion of all postgame press conferences.

Flipcards and game notes will be available in the Media Work Room.

Photo/Video Work Room
Photographers and videographers will have a court-level work area that is accessible via the tunnel between Sections 108 and 109. Exiting the court via that tunnel, turn right at the loading dock and the work rooms will be the first two marked rooms on the left. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. WiFi information will be posted inside those rooms.

This work room will have the same schedule as the Media Work Room – open with Media Will Call (one hour before tipoff) and close no more than two hours after the conclusion of all postgame press conferences.

Media Seating
Primary media seating will be located above Section 108 with limited courtside media seating available for selected games. Media should check the seating chart posted at the media area above Section 108 each game for their assigned location.

Power and wireless internet access are available throughout both media seating areas. WiFi information will be posted on the seat cards in those areas.

Court Access
Media working from courtside or the baseline are limited to the press row side of the court. Media are not permitted on the court or behind team benches or the scorer’s table at any time.
Photographers and videographers shooting from the baseline must remain seated behind the dotted lines at all times during the game, including timeouts. Seating on the baselines will be on a first-come, first-served basis and available only to those using professional DSLR still cameras or video cameras. No point-and-shoot still cameras, smartphone or tablet cameras will be allowed in those areas.

For special presentations, photographer/videographer areas will be determined and posted in the photo/video work room.

**Media Food and Drinks**
Drinks will be available in the Media Work Room throughout the game.

A buffet will be available for media in the Media Work Room for all weekday night games (tipoff 6 p.m. or later). The buffet will be available until 15 minutes after tipoff.

All other games will have snacks available at halftime.

**Postgame**
South Carolina postgame press conferences will be conducted in person in the Media Work Room.

Visiting teams will be invited to participate in the in-person press conference, and, if accepted, will go first. If the visiting team prefers to conduct its press conference via Zoom, the link will be posted in the Media Work Room and Photo/Video Work Room.

Locker rooms will be closed, and no interviews will take place outside of the formal press conferences.

Television stations broadcasting live from the arena after the game must submit interview requests to DeBates (men's games) or Koval (women's games) by halftime. Requests are not guaranteed to be filled based on the availability of the student-athlete or coach.

Please contact us for any additional questions about covering games this season.

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