# **UTSA Athletics Media Policy**

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## We are "UTSA"

When referencing University of Texas at San Antonio Athletics, <u>PLEASE USE THE ACRONYM "UTSA" AND THE NICKNAME "ROADRUNNERS."</u> Please refrain from using UT-San Antonio, Texas-San Antonio, UT-SA, Lady Roadrunners or any other variation.

### **Media Coverage**

The UTSA Athletics Communications Office assists members of the media with their coverage of all 17 Roadrunners sports by coordinating interviews and providing feature ideas, notes, statistics and any other information needed. Media members may check the athletics department's website — *goUTSA.com* — for the latest information on all UTSA sports.

## **Football Season Credentials**

Season credentials and parking requests for UTSA home games must be requested online at <a href="http://goUTSA.com/fbcredentials">http://goUTSA.com/fbcredentials</a>. Only media covering the Roadrunners on a consistent basis and on assignment will be considered. A lost season credential will result in passes being issued on a game-by-game basis, if available. The deadline for requesting season credentials and parking for the 2024 season is Aug. 16.



# **Football Single-Game Credentials**

Credential and parking requests for individual home games must be requested online at <a href="http://goUTSA.com/fbcredentials">http://goUTSA.com/fbcredentials</a> by 5 p.m. on Wednesday of the respective week, but early requests are encouraged and appreciated. Credentials only will be granted to media on assignment. For UTSA road games, please contact Associate Athletics Director for Communications Kyle Stephens (<a href="https://kyle.stephens@utsa.edu">kyle.stephens@utsa.edu</a>) by 5 p.m. on Monday of the preceding week for the game you wish to cover and include any parking needs you may have.

#### **Non-Football Credentials**

Media wishing to apply for credentials to cover other UTSA home events must complete an online request at <a href="http://goUTSA.com/credentials">http://goUTSA.com/credentials</a> at least 24 hours prior to the event. These credentials WILL NOT allow access to cover UTSA home football games.

### **Credential Will Call**

Credentials can be picked up in person with proper identification at the Athletics Communications Office located in the Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence. For home football games, media that has not yet received credentials may pick those up beginning three hours prior to kickoff at the Alamodome.

## **Football Game Day Parking**

Media with a UTSA Football Game Day Parking Pass may park in Lot A (or other designated lots as space permits). Requests must be made to Associate Athletics Director for Communications Kyle Stephens (<a href="mailto:kyle.stephens@utsa.edu">kyle.stephens@utsa.edu</a>) at least one week in advance. Passes are issued on a single-game basis only and there are limited quantities per game. There are no season parking passes for UTSA football games.

# **Non-Game Day Media Parking**

Media needing to drive onto UTSA's Main Campus for interviews may request a visitor parking permit by contacting the UTSA Athletics Communications Office for the sport they are covering at least 24 hours in advance of arrival.

### **Alamodome Access**

All media members must enter the Alamodome through the media entrance located on the east 50-yard line. The entrance and all press work areas will open three hours (subject to change) prior to kickoff. No media members will be allowed to enter the Alamodome through the South Loading Dock. A UTSA-issued credential or game ticket is required for entrance to all home football games.

### **Press Box Services**

The Alamodome press box is located on the Mezzanine Level (Level 3) of the east side of the facility. A UTSA-issued credential is required for entrance to the press box. Game notes, flip cards, game programs, official stats, notes and quotes will be provided either in print or electronic format. Wireless internet access is complimentary for working media members. Media members who wish to order a dedicated internet connection or phone line must contact Jason Bippert of the Alamodome at <a href="mailto:jason.bippert@sanantonio.gov">jason.bippert@sanantonio.gov</a>. Seats will be assigned according to UTSA's credential criteria.

### **Live Statistics**

UTSA will provide live statistics online at utsa.statbroadcast.com.

# Photographers/Videographers

Photographers and videographers on assignment are welcome to shoot all UTSA home events with proper credentials requested through the Athletics Communications Office. For sideline access at home football games at the Alamodome, photographers and videographers will be required to check in for a photo vest. A work room is located in Meeting Room A near the northeast tunnel to the field and it is equipped with complimentary hard-wired and wireless internet access, flip cards and refreshments. Photographers who wish to order a dedicated internet connection must contact Jason Bippert of the Alamodome at <u>jason.bippert@sanantonio.gov</u>. Photographers and videographers will not have a reserved seat in the Alamodome press box. Upper photo and video area requests should be made in the press box at least two hours prior to kickoff.

#### Postgame Interview Rooms (Football)

Postgame interview rooms for all home football games are located on Field Level (Level 1) on the east side of the Alamodome. UTSA will hold a postgame press conference for head coach Jeff Traylor and requested student-athletes after a 10-minute cooling off period. The UTSA locker room is closed and there will be no interviews conducted on the field except for the television network that is broadcasting the game. All requests for the visiting team should be made with that team's SID.

#### **Interview Policy**

All interviews with UTSA student-athletes and coaches must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance by contacting the Athletics Communications Office. Telephone interviews are available to the media on a "call-back" basis ONLY and at a time that is convenient for the interviewee. Contact information (i.e., cell phone numbers) for student-athletes and coaches will not be provided to the media.

## **Football Media Availability**

During the season, UTSA head coach Jeff Traylor will be available on Monday mornings at a weekly media roundtable. Traylor and student-athletes will be available following practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All requests should be made by 5 p.m. Monday of game weeks to Associate Athletics Director for Communications Kyle Stephens (kyle.stephens@utsa.edu).

## **Practice Policies**

UTSA football practices will be held on Main Campus (unless otherwise noted). Practices are closed, but portions of some practices may be open to members of accredited media outlets with a UTSA-issued credential. Media planning to shoot this portion of practice should contact Associate AD for Communications Kyle Stephens (<a href="mailto:kyle.stephens@utsa.edu">kyle.stephens@utsa.edu</a>) to confirm arrangements and practice times. Questions pertaining to practice schedules and specific media information regarding coverage for all other sports may be directed to the UTSA Athletics Communications Office. Media members may only attend practices after arranging access through the sport contact in advance.