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Media operations for University of Miami football games at Hard Rock Stadium will be altered this fall as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines are prepared in conjunction with the Miami Dolphins, Hard Rock Stadium and the Atlantic Coast Conference for the safety of all involved and may be adjusted based on the latest protocols. If there any changes to the below protocols, the Miami athletics communications office will send out an update and post the adjusted policies.

Credentials

Requests for credentials may be directed via email to David Villavicencio (DavidV@miami.edu). Credentials and seating in the press box will be limited compared to years past. For those credentialed media who are uncomfortable sitting inside, there will be auxiliary outdoor press seating in the 300 level of Hard Rock Stadium.

Priority will be given to media outlets based upon those which have regularly participated in preseason Zoom media conferences and history of coverage. No more than three credentials will be issued on a single-game basis for any outlet. There are no season credentials for 2020; credentials will be distributed on a single-game basis only. There **will be no photography or video credentials issued and no sideline or on-field access for media at any point before, during or after the game.** Media can access photography and video from the ACC media portal; more information will be shared at a later date. Any “live hits” from television stations must be done outside the stadium, with no exceptions.

Media interested in covering the Hurricanes on the road also need to make that credential request through Miami, not through the opposing school. Camron Ghorbi (c.ghorbi@miami.edu) will accept those road credential requests, then work with individuals and the opposing school to determine availability for a specific site as space will be very limited.

*****There is no photography or videography allowed from media auxiliary seating, from press box or from the stands. The only photography permitted is through pool photographers and videographers, whose credentials have been already been arranged.**

Health and Safety Protocols

Temperature checks will be administered on site at Hard Rock Stadium and individuals must affirm that they do not feel ill or have been in contact with an individual who has the COVID-19 virus, among other items in the short form to be completed. Temperature and symptom screenings will take place at the Southwest Gate.

A mask must be worn at all times on the stadium grounds and in the press box. Media representatives must bring their own mask that fully covers their nose and mouth, plus any other personal protective equipment they wish to use. Restrooms are available inside the press box level for regular hand washing.

Seating

Individuals must sit in their assigned seat at the location of their place card or designated booth. Seats will be properly distanced and separated by plexiglass inside the press box. Online links and URLs to digital roster flip card will be provided. Game notes and statistics will be available online; there will be no printed copies provided in the press box. To the greatest extent possible, everyone must adhere to physical distancing guidelines (at least six feet apart) while moving within the press box and must wear a mask at all times – this is non-negotiable, and failure to adhere will result in your ejection from the press box.

Photographers

ACC operations permit one designated pool photographer with access to shoot the game from the sidelines. The **Miami Herald** and **South Florida Sun Sentinel** will provide those images for media editorial usage for coverage of the game and will upload them to the ACC Media Portal. Interested affiliates should email licensing@xosdigital.com to register for the ACC Media Portal and for additional information. Approved affiliates will receive a confirmation email along with credentials to access the ACC Media Portal. The use of ACC game action provided through the ACC Media Portal remain subject to those restrictions outlined in the ACC News Access Guidelines.

Sideline Access

Aside from the pool photographers, approved university staff and the televising network approved personnel, **no other media representatives are permitted on the sideline**. This includes all times including pregame, halftime and postgame, as well as during the competition.

Videographers

ACC operations permit one designated videographer with access to shoot the game from the sidelines, which will be provided by Miami. While all Miami games will air live on television, video highlights will be uploaded to the ACC Media Portal within one hour following the conclusion of the game. Interested affiliates should email licensing@xosdigital.com to register for the ACC Media Portal and for additional information. Approved affiliates will receive a confirmation email along with credentials to access the ACC Media Portal. The use of ACC game highlights provided through the ACC Media Portal remain subject to those restrictions outlined in the ACC News Access Guidelines.

Parking

To those media members whose credentials are approved, parking will be distributed digitally. More information on parking will be distributed at a later date.

Game Notes/Statistics

Game notes and statistics will be available online; there will be no printed copies provided in the press box. Live statistics will be available during the event online on MiamiHurricanes.com, the Miami Hurricanes mobile app and miami.statbroadcast.com. A pdf of the final statistics will be posted postgame on MiamiHurricanes.com.

Refreshments/Food

There will no longer be a buffet-style meal or fountain drink machines in the press box; more information on food and drink will be provided next week.

Postgame

All postgame interviews will be conducted through Zoom. Head coach Manny Diaz and select student-athletes and assistant coaches will be available as soon as possible following games for both home and away events. Links for the video conference will be provided to approved media who request access from Camron Ghorbi (c.ghorbi@miami.edu) prior to kickoff.

Press Box Hours

The Hard Rock Stadium press box will open two hours prior to kickoff and will close one hour after conclusion of the game. If you anticipate needing additional time postgame, you may work from home or another location. The parking lots will be cleared an hour and a half after the conclusion of the game.

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