



KENTUCKY

2021-22 MEN'S BASKETBALL



KENTUCKY BASKETBALL GAME-DAY INFORMATION

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Credential requests for media who cover Kentucky should be submitted at sportssystem.com/kentucky. All requests are single-game only as season credentials will not be issued for the 2021-22 season. Requests should only be submitted by outlets that require media seating to cover the Kentucky men's basketball team. The window to apply for credentials for games will open two weeks prior to the designated closure date. Credential requests will close five days prior to the game to allow time for the UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations office to process requests, determine available space, and distribute essential game-day materials as quickly as possible. UKACPR is working diligently to make covering the Kentucky men's basketball team in-person and virtually as safe and easy as possible.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Following University of Kentucky health and safety policies, masks will be required inside of Rupp Arena regardless of an individual's vaccination status. Failure to follow masking requirements will result in the revocation of credentials.

PARKING

Parking at Rupp Arena will be available in the Maxwell Lot. This lot is accessible through gate 3, located on Maxwell Street. Requests should be made when submitting credential requests. Credentialed media will be put on a list and granted access to park. Parking spots will be guaranteed up until one hour prior to tipoff. Parking will be \$20 per game and only cash is accepted. The lot opens three hours before tipoff. Season parking passes will not be issued this season. Please see page two for a map.

MEDIA WILL CALL

Media will call at Rupp Arena is located at the west concourse entrance of Rupp Arena off High Street. Credentials are not available at the public will call window and will not be mailed. Will call will open 2.5 hours prior to the start of the game.

MEDIA SERVICES

The University of Kentucky uses a computerized statistics system. Working media will receive the following digitally (no printed materials this season due to COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols):

- Game notes
- Halftime statistics
- Final box score
- Complete play-by-play
- Shot charts
- Coach and player quotes
- Postgame notes
- Select photos and video melt

UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations will set up a media-only website page that will contain the above materials and additional media information. Please contact Eric Lindsey or Deb Moore for access to the website.

MEDIA SEATING

Media seating for print and TV will be available in the press box area on the concourse in front of sections 212-15 and 230-233. UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations will assign seats for each game. The seating chart will be emailed to credentialed media prior to the game and available in media access areas.

MEDIA WORK AREA

With media members' safety and health concerns in mind during the COVID-19 pandemic, media members will be asked to work from their seats before, during and after the game at Rupp Arena. Media members will be permitted to come down to event level for postgame interviews via the elevators or through stair access through the stands. For those using the stairs, media members must access the postgame press conference area through the tunnels below sections 11 and 19 (opposite of team benches).

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS SEATING

The photo zones are appropriately marked on the Rupp Arena floor on both baselines. Photo/video spots are assigned. Photographers and videographers are to remain in their assigned spots and must remain six feet outside of the team bench areas. Because of safety concerns, no shooting is allowed on either sideline. Due to the amount of space, photo credentials will be limited. Additional one-person areas will also be available in front of the stairwells to the press box in sections 214, 231 and 232. Photographers and videographers who are granted floor access may only enter on to the floor via the tunnels underneath sections 11 and 19 (opposite of team benches). Prior to moving or installing any cables around the basketball floor and/or in the seating area, including cable trays or otherwise, please coordinate your efforts with the Lexington Center/Rupp Arena technical staff. Professional digital single lens reflex still cameras and video cameras are required to shoot from the floor. No point-and-shoot still cameras or flip video cameras will be allowed on the floor. Please have rubber/non-scratch pads under stools to avoid scratching the Rupp Arena floor. Per NCAA regulations, stools shall not exceed nine inches in height. See UK Athletics photographer Chet White at the site for technical assistance.

PHOTO ROOM

A photo work room is available on the second floor beneath section 28 and can be accessed through the tunnels underneath sections 11 and 19 (opposite of team benches). It is available for use by photographers only.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Postgame interviews for Kentucky will be conducted in-person in the media room. As COVID-19 health and safety precautions and other factors warrant, the home team media opportunity is subject to change and could be transitioned to virtual opportunities via Zoom. Per Southeastern Conference recommendations, the visiting team for conference games will conduct all post-game press conference virtually only. Nonconference games will be an opponent-by-opponent

decision. For virtual press conference information, please email UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations contacts Eric Lindsey (eric.lindsey@uky.edu) or Deb Moore (deb.moore@uky.edu). Both team's press conferences can begin as early as 10 minutes following the conclusion of the game. Press conferences could happen simultaneously. Kentucky head coach John Calipari will conduct his postgame press conference in the media room while a player is taken to the UK Sports Network. Following Coach Calipari's press conference, selected UK players are brought to the media interview room. No one-on-one interviews will be conducted postgame. Requests for such interviews should be made to the UKACPR office. Media will be permitted to record postgame press conferences. UKACPR will also record all press conferences and make available to the media. Additional information on how to access the recordings is below. UKACPR will also accept requests for postgame media interviews. Requests must be submitted via email by the final media timeout (the under-four timeout) of the game to Lindsey or Moore.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Athletics Office	859.257.8000
Ticket Office	859.257.1818
Rupp Arena Ticket Office	859.233.4567
Basketball Office	859.257.1916
Athletics Communications & PR	859.257.3838
Primary MBB Contact (Eric Lindsey)	859.619.0944
Secondary MBB Contact (Deb Moore)	859.559.5781
Coordinator (Stephanie Guy)	859.629.0876
Rupp Arena General Number	859.233.4567
Visiting Radio Lines	
POTS Line	859.389.7644
	859.389.7924
Mailing Address (Communications and PR Office)	
Joe Craft Center 338 Lexington Ave. Lexington, KY 40506	
Mailing Address (Rupp Arena)	
Rupp Arena 430 W. Vine St. Lexington, KY 40507	

TELEVISION LIVE SHOTS

Television stations will be permitted to do stand-up live shots with specific restrictions with the health and safety of the team, fans and media in mind. Television stations may do stand-up shots with masks on in the concourse area only in the one-hour window of media will call opening (2.5 hours prior to the game) and gates opening for all patrons (1.5 hours prior to the game). When doors open for the fans, media will no longer be permitted to do stand-ups. For postgame stand-ups, media will not be permitted anywhere on the floor until no earlier than 30 minutes after the final buzzer. For media utilizing the floor, you will only be permitted to shoot on the floor for 15 minutes from the time you enter the event level. Masks are required for those stand-up hits, as they are for the entire arena. Failure to adhere to the guidelines will result in the immediate revocation of credentials.

INTERNET ACCESS

Rupp Arena provides media members with complimentary wireless Internet access at Rupp Arena. The network name is UKMedia22. The password is mediablue22 (case sensitive). Rupp Arena will feature public WiFi throughout the season and you are welcome to use that, but please note the media network is set up with a higher upload and download speed. It's for media use only and we ask that you please keep the network name and password confidential. The more people who access it, the greater chance there is of slowing down the speed.

GAMEDAY LIVE STATS

Live stats will be provided at Kentucky.StatBroadcast.com and at UKathletics.com. Stat Broadcast is for media use only. The password is mediablue22 (case sensitive).

UKATHLETICS.COM

The official website for University of Kentucky Athletics is updated 24 hours before each game with the latest game notes and quotes from Coach John Calipari and selected players. Following each game, the site will post a game box score with summary, postgame quotes and notes from all games and updated season statistics.

ACCESSING PHOTOS/VIDEO

With limited space for photographers and videographers at Rupp Arena, select game images and video melts from UK Athletics photographers and videographers will be made available for home games for the media to use. Photos will be available following the game at UK's Photoshelter website, bit.ly/UKMBB_Photo_2021-22, and at the Southeastern Conference media portal. Media members must contact the UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations office for the password to the Photoshelter website. Anyone needing a log-in to the SEC media portal should email licensing@xosdigital.com. Video melts for all conference games will be provided postgame at vimeo.com/showcase/kentuckymbb2022 and at the Southeastern Conference media portal. Melts are available for nonconference games by request. Media will also be able to use the SEC media portal, Photoshelter and Vimeo for away game images and video. All pre- and postgame media opportunities with the general media will also be available on the Vimeo website and the SEC media portal. Stock images and logos are available on UK's Photoshelter website. For additional photo and video needs, please contact the UKACPR office.

RADIO/TV RIGHTS

Broadcasting rights to UK games are assigned exclusively to the UK Sports Network. One reciprocal rights fee waiver is guaranteed to opponent schools visiting Lexington. Contact Brad Tucker, UK Sports Network coordinator, at tucker@jmisports.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Kentucky men's basketball team has social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. The handle is @KentuckyMBB. The main athletics department handle is @ukathletics. Per the SEC credential policy, in-game highlights on social media are strictly prohibited during the television window.

QUESTIONS

Need additional help? Please don't hesitate to ask Eric Lindsey, Deb Moore, Stephanie Guy or any of the UK Athletics Communications and Public Relations staffers. We are here to serve.