The NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee has reiterated its opposition to all forms of sports wagering and encourages the media to assist in the education of the public regarding the hazards of sports wagering.

Due to health and safety protocols and the lack of direct access with coaches and student-athletes, a limited number of national media credentials will be issued for the 2021 Division I men’s basketball championship. Approval will be granted to the Associated Press, The Athletic, CBSSports.com, ESPN.com, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, USA Today and Yahoo. Other requests may be directed to David Worlock (dworlock@ncaa.org) of the NCAA. No more than two individuals from one entity may attend a tournament game. All credential requests must be received by March 1.

Approved Indianapolis-based media members include The Indianapolis Star, The Indianapolis Recorder and local television affiliates WTTV, WRTV, WISH, WTHR and WXIN. The five television stations may be represented by a maximum of one crew at each venue. For purposes of these criteria, a crew consists of a maximum of four individuals: one talent, one camera operator, one audio technician or producer and one for a technician who is responsible for maintenance of a satellite truck that may be parked at the arena (television-compound credential). All credential requests must be received by March 1.

Each participating team’s SID may approve up to five writers who will be credentialed to cover their team’s game only. Team media lists will be compiled after Selection Sunday (March 14) and are due by 5 p.m. Monday, March 15. SIDs will have the opportunity to edit their approved list between the second round and Sweet 16, and between the Elite 8 and Final Four.

Except for television camera operators or photo messengers, a credential may be issued only to an authorized full-time, salaried representative of, or a representative who regularly and customarily performs services for, the agency submitting the request. Credentials are not transferable.

Eligible Agencies.

Subject to space limitations, credentials at all sites shall be assigned in accordance with the following priorities:

Television.

- Credentials may be assigned to an individual or one crew designated by a national television network or cable entity that originates a daily sports news program. Approved agencies include: CBS NewsPath, CBS News, CBS College Sports Network, NBC News, NBC Sports Regional Networks, ABC World News, ABC NewsOne, CNN, ESPN, Fox News Channel, Fox Sports One, FSN Regional Networks, ACC Network, Big Ten Network, Pac-12 Network, SEC Network and ESPN International. Because there are not media workrooms with the venues, these stations may not be granted access during games. Access will be available prior to games and on non-game days.

Radio.
• Purchasing live broadcasting rights is limited to one station per school. These stations may receive a maximum of four credentials.

Print Photographers.
• The only entities that may receive a photo credential are NCAA Photos, Getty, the Associated Press, the Indianapolis Star and USA Today. Only NCAA Photos and Getty will receive floor spots.
• The Associated Press, USA Today and the Indianapolis Star may receive a maximum of two upper-level credentials in each venue.
• If participating institutions elect to have a team photographer in Tier 1, they will be assigned a spot near their team bench. Otherwise, the team photographer will be assigned to an upper-level location. NOTE: The same policy applies to team videographers.
• Except with the prior written approval of the NCAA, no photographer, news entity, media agency or other individual or entity receiving a credential hereunder may sell photos of the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship.