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The following information is provided to assist you in preparing for the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships. **The Mountain West encourages you to review this information in its entirety as you are responsible for following and understanding the policies set forth.**

IF YOU ARE APPROVED FOR MEDIA CREDENTIALS PLEASE READ BELOW:

1. Print a hard copy of your APPROVAL email and bring it with you when picking up credentials at the Cox Pavilion Media Center.
2. You have to pick up your credential in person. Valid government-issued photo identification will be required and checked every time you enter the arena. **No group pick-ups for media outlets.**
3. Credential changes can only be made with the approval of Javan Hedlund, Mountain West Championships Media Coordinator.

GAME SCHEDULE

Below is the game schedule for the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 – WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS – SESSION #1

Game #1	12:05 p.m.	Women's #8 vs. #1 Seeds	The Mtn.
Game #2	2:35 p.m.	Women's #5 vs. #4 Seeds	The Mtn.

SESSION #2

Game #3	6:05 p.m.	Women's #7 vs. #2 Seeds	The Mtn.
Game #4	8:35 p.m.	Women's #6 vs. #3 Seeds	The Mtn.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 – MEN'S QUARTERFINALS - SESSION #3

Game #5	12:05 p.m.	Men's #8 vs. #1 Seeds	The Mtn.
Game #6	2:35 p.m.	Men's #5 vs. #4 Seeds	The Mtn./CBSSN

SESSION #4

Game #7	6:05 p.m.	Men's #7 vs. #2 Seeds	The Mtn.
Game #8	8:35 p.m.	Men's #6 vs. #3 Seeds	The Mtn./CBSSN

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012 – WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SEMIFINALS - SESSION #5

Game #9	12:05 p.m.	Women's Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner	The Mtn.
Game #10	2:35 p.m.	Women's Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner	The Mtn.

SESSION #6

Game #11	6:05 p.m.	Men's Game 5 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner	CBS Sports Network
Game #12	8:35 p.m.	Men's Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner	CBS Sports Network

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012 – WOMEN'S AND MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES - SESSION #7

Game #13	1:05 p.m.	Women's Championship Game	NBC Sports Network
Game #14	4:05 p.m.	Men's Championship Game	NBC Sports Network

All Times Pacific Time Zone

PRACTICES – All team practices during the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Championships **are closed**. Teams may choose not to utilize their practice times or may choose to use a portion of the time allotted. Check with the team's respective media relations director for specific information.

Media members wishing to speak with coaches and student-athletes after their respective practices must contact that institution's media relations director. No interviews will take place on the practice court. Interviews must be conducted outside the gym area so that the next practice can start on time.

Court access will not be available during team practices at the Thomas & Mack Center. **Institutional radio stations setting up for the first game of the day will be allowed courtside if arranged through Javan Hedlund, the MW Media Coordinator.** If arrangements are not made prior to arrival at the arena, courtside access will not be granted. These individuals are not to be actively watching practice, nor disrupting the team involved.

CREDENTIAL PICKUP – Credentials can be picked up at Cox Pavilion Media Entrance (4505 S. Maryland Parkway) beginning Wednesday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. PST. Media will enter the arena at the southwest corner of the Cox Pavilion. **Media and Photo credentials WILL NOT be allowed to enter through the Thomas & Mack loading dock entrance on the northwest side of the building (map of arena available at end of document). Only TV, CBSSN or MTN credentials may enter the Thomas & Mack loading dock entrance.**

Credentials will not be mailed. Recipients must present a government-issued photo ID and verify that they are full-time employees of the media agency. The host media coordinator will provide a sign-in sheet for individuals to sign and confirm receipt of credentials. See the Credential Distribution Schedule below:

Wednesday, March 7	9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Cox Pavilion Media Center
Thursday, March 8	9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Cox Pavilion Media Center
Friday, March 9	9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Cox Pavilion Media Center
Saturday, March 10	11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Cox Pavilion Media Center

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS HOTEL – The Hard Rock Hotel will serve as the media headquarters (Media rate: \$79 plus tax). Media reservations **must be made online via the Mountain West credentialing system.** Media will receive confirmation via email for both the approval of the credential and hotel.

THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

The media rate at the Hard Rock Hotel is only available through the online registration via the MW credentialing web site or by contacting MW Media Hotel Coordinator Kim Melcher. All individuals contacting the hotel directly will not have access to the media rate.

Headquarters Hotel:

Hard Rock Hotel
4455 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Phone: 800-693-7625
Web site: <http://www.hardrockhotel.com>

Rate: \$79 (plus 12% hotel tax) and a resort fee of \$18.00 per night. The resort fee includes:

- Wireless High Speed In-Room Internet.
- Fitness Center access.
- Daily newspaper.
- Free parking.
- Printing of boarding passes.
- Limited copies and faxes.
- Limited local and long distance phone calls within the U.S.

Other Notes:

- NEW - The security/incidental fee that is due upon check-in has been reduced to \$50.00 per room, per night.
- Individuals must be twenty-one (21) years of age to check into the hotel.
- There will NOT be any shuttle service provided from the Hard Rock Hotel to the Thomas & Mack Center.

Changes/Cancellations:

The hotel will bill one (1) night's room and tax for any guest who fails to cancel their reservation prior to 72 hours of their scheduled arrival date. You must go through Kim Melcher (719-488-4050 or kmelcher@TheMWC.com) at the MW to cancel or change a reservation.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION – Media is responsible for its own ground transportation during the championships. Shuttle service will **NOT** be provided from the Hard Rock Hotel to the Thomas & Mack Center.

PARKING – Media parking passes are limited and will be distributed at the discretion of MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund. Individuals with a Media Parking Pass will park in the Black lot directly behind the Suite holder lot so they have access to the lower level of Cox Pavilion

RENTAL CARS

The following are car rental agencies offering discount rates during the 2012 Conoco MW Basketball Championships:

AVIS RENTAL CAR

www.Avis.com

Reservations: 1-800-331-1212

Discount Code (AWC #): **T995800**

BUDGET RENTAL CAR DISCOUNT CODE

www.budget.com

Fastbreak Reservations/Information: 1-800-BUDGET4 (283-4384)

Other Reservations: 1-800-527-0700

Discount Code: **BCD# U117079**

DOLLAR CAR RENTAL DISCOUNT CODE

www.dollar.com

Dollar Express Reservations/Information: 1-800-BUDGET4 (283-4384)

Other Reservations: 1-800-800-4000

Discount Code: **CD# TB1674**

ENTERPRISE RENTAL CAR DISCOUNT

www.enterprise.com or 1-800-736-8222 OR 1-800-RENT-A-CAR

Enter the location, dates and times the vehicle is needed. Where it asks for coupon or customer number, type in the account number (**XZ12039**) at the bottom of the first page. Type in the first three letters of the account name (**MOU**) on the next page.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CONTRACT ID

www.nationalcar.com or 1-877-222-9058.

Click on Rates and Reservations. Enter the location, dates and times the vehicle is needed.

Type in the Contract ID (**XZ12039**) under Optional Rate Information.

DEDICATED PHONE LINES - If media desire a dedicated phone line for use (other than flagship radio stations) in the media work room during the championships, you must apply via the online credential application process or make arrangements through MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (719-488-4051) **no later than Wednesday, February 15.** The cost for a dedicated phone line is \$200.

INTERNET ACCESS - The Mountain West will offer complimentary Internet access (wireless and hard line) during the 2012 Conoco MW Basketball Championships. Please mark the appropriate box on the credential registration link if you plan to use the Internet services provided in the Media Work Room so that the MW office will have enough bandwidth to accommodate all requests. TV stations and institutional video crews **MUST** use a hard Ethernet line and are not permitted on the wireless network.

SECURITY – The following security policies will be implemented for the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships:

All individuals with credentials will be required to present government-issued photo identification, along with their credential, each time they enter the facility. All media bags will be inspected prior to entry EVERY time into the facility.

CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

The Mountain West opposes all forms of sports wagering, and encourages the media to assist in the education of the public with regard to the hazards of sports wagering.

A “media agency” for purposes of these criteria shall mean a daily or weekly publication, Internet site, cable system, radio or television station requiring immediate news coverage. “Immediate news coverage” for these purposes shall mean the editorial, audio/visual deadline occurs no later than 48 hours after the competition at the site has been completed.

Media must apply for credentials online prior to Wednesday, February 29. Hotel reservations must be submitted by Tuesday, February 14.

Unless otherwise approved by the Mountain West in advance, no one under 16 years of age shall receive a credential or be allowed to sit on press row unless approved by MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund. Media attempting to bring in unauthorized individuals will have their credentials revoked. Credentials shall be issued only to individuals who have working responsibilities at the facility.

Subject to limitations of space, credentials shall be assigned in accordance with the following guidelines:

Working Media Criteria:

1. NBC Sports Network, CBS Sports Network and The Mtn.-MountainWest Sports Network.
2. Media agencies (includes online entities) in geographic areas of Mountain West member institutions; agencies must have staffed games on a regular basis during the season (min. of 80 percent).
3. Radio stations and networks that are the official flagship station of Mountain West member institutions during the season; a rights fee to broadcast must be paid in advance (see radio section).
4. National television networks, national radio networks, Internet sites, wire services and national magazines.
5. Online media
6. Las Vegas metropolitan daily newspapers.
7. Campus-related media of Mountain West member institutions, including student radio stations (see radio section).
8. Television and radio stations that employ full-time sports directors, conduct a daily sports program, and regularly cover college basketball.
9. Each participating team will be issued a maximum of two media credentials for team/scouting videographers for its respective games at the championships. The team videographer will be assigned a “photo box” position in the back row, while the scout videographer is permitted to shoot game footage from an upper photo position only. Videographers from an institution will only have access to the floor during its team’s pre-game warm-ups and game and must leave the floor at the conclusion of the contest. These individuals will receive a photo armband that must be worn at all times.

Agencies that do not meet the criteria mentioned above, but represent the geographic area of a participating institution, may receive one credential if designated by a participating institution as a “minor media enterprise”.

Working Photographers Criteria:

1. National Wire Services.
2. Newspapers with circulation in the immediate geographic area of Mountain West participating institutions. If your local institution is not participating in a particular game you wish to cover, you may shoot that particular game if space is available. *Note:* If you are considered a primary media outlet for a MW institution by the institution’s media relations director, you will be granted the opportunity to shoot that institution’s games.
3. Each participating institution can credential up to three (3) photographers (one of which must be a videographer for team highlights packages or coaches shows) to represent all campus-related publications and departments, including the athletics department.
4. Las Vegas metropolitan daily newspapers.

5. National publications planning to publish dated stories on the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships.
6. Online entities will not receive photography credentials.

The provisions under “print,” “television,” “radio” and “online” herein do not apply to media agencies (e.g., student newspapers, television stations, radio stations and yearbooks) that are affiliated with a participating or host institution. Credentials may be issued to four individuals, plus three photographers (one of which must be a videographer for team highlights packages or coaches shows), certified by the director of athletics or designated representative of each participating and host institution, who will be the sole representatives of all such campus media organizations. **NOTE:** Team scouting videographers will be given separate credentials and must adhere to the terms and conditions outlined for the championships by the Mountain West.

The Mountain West reserves the right to authorize and issue all credentials. It also has the right to reject credential requests. Space limitations may preclude credential approval. Media agencies must receive permission from the Conference office if they wish to hand out or display their publications in the media work room or on press row.

Membership in a writers’ or broadcasters’ association (e.g., United States Basketball Writers Association) does not automatically qualify an agency for credentials.

Agencies Not Eligible

1. Credentials will not be issued to persons solely for the purpose of writing or gathering material for books.
2. Credentials shall not be issued to representatives of syndicated television or cable programmers who are not producing programs for immediate news coverage (i.e., to air within 24 hours).
3. Credentials shall not be issued to representatives of professional basketball organizations, telephone reporting services, fan boards, bloggers not affiliated with a media agency, obligations normally identified as “tout sheets,” other publications or Internet Web sites devoted to gambling.
4. Any online service that is recognized as an outlet intended for the purpose of delivering news related to the recruitment of student-athletes will not qualify for credentials.
5. Credentials shall not be issued to representatives of agencies that normally provide specific services for a media agency (e.g., scores) if many of its clients have been accredited to staff the event.
6. Credentials shall not be issued to photo wire services, other than those identified within these criteria.

CREDENTIALS/MEDIA ACCESS – Media who are credentialed for the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships receive a credential designating their affiliation. No one is admitted through the media gate without a Mountain West-issued credential. Agencies that request several credentials may receive a limited number of press row seats depending on demand. Those reporters who do not have an assigned seat for a particular game will be directed to the Overflow Media Seating Area. **If you are a television or radio reporter that plans to blog from the arena, and would like a seat on press row, it is your responsibility to notify Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com) and/or Judy Willson (jwillson@themwc.com) no later than Monday, March 5 to guarantee a table seat.** The following details access by credential type:

- **All Access (A):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion and admittance to all championship areas.
- **CBS Sports Network (CBSSN):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion through the loading dock area of both venues. Access to courtside, assigned or overflow media seating areas, backstage media areas, team locker rooms postgame, specified photo box positions and general public areas. Initial credential pick up must take place at Cox Pavilion Media Entrance.
- **Event Staff (ES):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion, courtside, locker rooms, backstage media areas, all photo positions and general public access.
- **Local Television (TV):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion through the loading dock areas of both venues. Access allowed to assigned or overflow media seating areas, all backstage media areas and general public areas, excluding locker rooms and the hallway between the Cox Lower Gym and Thomas & Mack locker rooms. (Mini-cams are not allowed in the locker rooms due to space limitations.) Cameras allowed courtside until 60 minutes before first game in each session. Cameras are not allowed courtside during game action when televised by MW TV partner. Initial credential pick up must take place at Cox Pavilion Media Entrance.
- **Media (M):** Allows access to the arena only through the media entrance located adjacent to the loading dock area of the Cox Pavilion. Access allowed to assigned or overflow media seating areas, all backstage media areas,

team locker rooms postgame and general public areas, excluding the hallway between the Cox Lower Gym and Thomas & Mack locker rooms.

- **Participant (PA):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center via Team Pass List. Person wearing this credential must enter via the team entrance at the loading dock of Thomas & Mack Center.
- **Photo (P):** Allows access to the arena only through the media entrance located adjacent to the loading dock area of the Cox Pavilion. Access allowed to all backstage media areas, team locker rooms postgame and general public areas, excluding the hallway between the Cox Lower Gym and the Thomas & Mack locker rooms. Armbands required for photography box at both ends of court.
- **Temporary Floor Access-Women's (TF-W):** Does not allow access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion. Must have ticket to enter building. Allows access to floor and backstage areas of Thomas & Mack Center during the women's basketball championship. For seating, bearer is required to sit in ticketed seating location.
- **Temporary Floor Access-Men's (TF-M):** Does not allow access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion. Must have ticket to enter building. Allows access to floor and backstage areas of Thomas & Mack Center during the men's basketball championship. For seating, bearer is required to sit in ticketed seating location.
- **The Mtn. (MTN):** Allows access to Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion through the loading dock area of both venues. Access to courtside, assigned or overflow media seating areas, backstage media areas, specified photo box positions and general public areas. Initial credential pick up must take place at Cox Pavilion Media Entrance.

PHOTOGRAPHERS – Credentialed photographers are assured of floor shooting positions for their teams' games only; positions may be provided for other games if space is available.

A maximum of two credentials may be assigned to a newspaper or magazine agency in the market area of an MW institution if it has staffed at least 80 percent of the team's home games.

Newspaper or magazine agencies from the tournament host city each may receive a maximum of three photo credentials if it has staffed at least 80 percent of the home games.

Except with the prior written approval of the Mountain West, photographers, news entities, media agencies or other individuals or entities receiving a credential agree not to sell images of student-athlete taken during the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships to third-party entities, including commercial outlets or the general public. If an agency violates this policy, it may be subject to credential revocation and denied access to future Mountain West Championships.

All photographers will receive a "Photography Policy" sheet and armband from the MW Media Coordinator or representative if credentialed for the championship. Individuals assigned by the MW Media Coordinator to assist photographers on the floor and upper photography areas will provide armbands, copies of the photo policies and speed cards. Photographers can pick up box scores and other media information in the media work room.

Photographers working the floor level are restricted to the "photographers' box" at each end of the playing court. Photo positions on the floor level will be assigned by the MW Media Coordinator. A photographer assigned to the second photo row may sit on an elevation not more than nine inches high. Newspapers covering a particular team are not guaranteed a floor location when that team is not playing.

At no time may photographers shoot from directly behind the official table, team benches, press row media seating areas or in the stands. Failure to comply with these guidelines is subject to credential revocation.

Photographers may work from the following areas on game day:

1. ***From beginning of pre-game warm-ups until end of game*** – End zones only.
2. ***Between games of a session*** – End zones or along the sideline opposite the team benches, to shoot the postgame celebration. When the celebration concludes, the photographers must return to their end zone positions.
3. ***After last game of session*** – End zones or along the sideline opposite the team benches, to shoot the postgame celebration. Behind Row M2 opposite the team bench side.
4. ***After championship games*** – Anywhere on the courtside apron or behind Row M2 (or T2) of either side of the media seating areas to shoot the postgame celebration or the awards ceremony. If the crowd becomes a problem

on the court, an area will be roped off so that photographers can shoot the postgame celebration and awards ceremony.

Note: The Media Coordinator may identify other arena positions off the court where photographers may work, provided the view is not blocked for any fans. At no time may photographers work directly behind the official scorer's table and team benches.

No tripods may be placed on or beside the playing floor.

No cameras or strobes shall be attached to the backboard or goal standards without permission from the MW Media Coordinator. Technical equipment, such as camera remote controls, may be placed or mounted behind the goal standard.

The MW Media Coordinator may approve requests to place photography equipment in upper arena areas or under the first row of press tables opposite the official scorer's table. Cameras may not protrude more than four inches from under the draping. Rubber lens hoods must be used.

STROBES – Strobes may not be used during Mountain West Championship games at the Thomas & Mack Center without permission of MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund. Entities desiring the use of strobes at the Thomas & Mack Center must submit a request no later than Wednesday, February 22. Entities receiving permission to use strobes must arrange for set-up time with the MW Media Coordinator on Tuesday, March 6 to test the strobes. There will be limited availability to utilize strobes (a maximum of three sets). Hand-held strobes and flashes are not permitted in Thomas & Mack Center arena/court area, nor are tripods or attachments to the basketball standards.

A photo transmission area will be available in the Media Work room. **If you wish to reserve a hard Ethernet line in the Media Work room to send digital images, please contact Javan Hedlund (719-488-4051/jhedlund@themwc.com) by Wednesday, February 29.** If a hard line is not reserved in advance, any remaining lines will be first-come, first-served.

TELEVISION – For all purposes in this section, a crew is defined as no more than three individuals, including one photographer.

1. A television station or regional cable network from the locale of the participating institution, which has staffed a minimum of 80 percent of its regular-season home games, may be represented by a maximum of one crew.
2. Television stations from the tournament host city each may be represented by a maximum of two crews if the station regularly covered (i.e., full-time reporters attended and filed reports) college basketball during the regular season and if the crews are representing multiple, regularly-scheduled news programs.
3. A regional television network that airs a nightly sports show and covers all of a team's games during the regular season may be represented by one crew.
4. At the discretion of the MW Media Coordinator, no more than two credentials may be authorized to other news services that have news and sports programming.

USE OF FOOTAGE BY TELEVISION ENTITIES – NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. hold broadcasting rights to all men's and women's games during the championships. Television stations may use video highlights from Mountain West television partners under the following guidelines:

1. An approved telecaster may use a maximum of three minutes of footage in a regularly scheduled television newscast within a 72-hour period, or a maximum of two minutes in a seven-day window in a regularly scheduled sports content show. Television entities may not air highlights of a MW basketball game that is broadcast live until the NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. - MountainWest Sports Network telecast has been completed. In all instances, a two-second graphical courtesy, "**NBC Sports Network, CBS Sports Network or The Mtn.**" is required or highlight privileges will be withdrawn. **Stations may not cover up the MW TV rights holder bug with their own graphic.**
2. In consideration for access to video and/or recorded audio excerpts of an MW basketball game, the television entity agrees, upon the request of the Mountain West, to supply the MW office with a videotape or audio recording (as may be the case) of any program incorporating highlights and hereby consents to the use of excerpts from such a program by the MW.
3. No television entity — broadcast or cable — may incorporate, superimpose, or "burn in" into any basketball highlights a logo, trademark, advertisement, scoreboard or other graphic without prior written permission from the Mountain West.

4. Mountain West and NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. shall have the authority to withdraw permission for the use of highlights by appropriate notice at any time and for any reason.
5. Media entities are prohibited from making available game film or video of an MW basketball game to any organization, person or entity without advance written permission from the MW, even though the planned use may be editorial in nature. Such film or video may be aired only as permitted herein by the Bearer.
6. No rights afforded to an approved media entity may be assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to any organization, person, or entity. Any organization, person or entity wishing to use film or video of an MW basketball game in any manner not expressly permitted herein must obtain written permission for such usage from the Mountain West.

INTERNET HIGHLIGHT GUIDELINES

1. Print/TV/Online media outlets are permitted to shoot low-angle footage at MW basketball games for use on the Internet as long as such usage abides by the policies herein. Any media entity posting highlights online that exceed the time allotment or does not provide the mandatory "Courtesy NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn." will be denied future sideline and highlight access.
2. No online entity (TV, newspaper, magazine, blog, Social Media platform) is allowed "real-time" transmission (audio, video or written text Online) of an MW basketball game, other than the Mountain West and its TV rights holders NBC Sports Network, CBS Sports Network, and The Mtn. Real-time is defined by the MW as a continuous play-by-play account or live, extended live/real-time statistics, or detailed description of an event.
3. In consideration for access to highlights of a MW basketball game, the television entity agrees, upon the request of the Mountain West, to supply the MW office with a videotape or audio recording (as may be the case) of any program incorporating highlights and hereby consents to the use of excerpts from such a program by the MW.

The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network

1. Without prior written consent by The Mtn., no person or entity may otherwise place or distribute video or audio highlights of any MW basketball game broadcast by The Mtn. (including any in-game video generated by the media entity of the basketball game) on or through the Internet or any other new media distribution platform (i.e., any platform other than over-the-air television) including, without limitation, wireless handsets, podcasts, or cell phones/PDAs. If a media outlet (TV, newspaper, magazine, blog, Facebook or Twitter) desires to use highlights online, it must contact **Chris McKone** at The Mtn. and receive written permission (**Phone: 303-267-6918 or E-mail: cmckone@themtn.tv**).
2. An approved telecaster is allowed to post a maximum of 60 seconds of video highlights from each MW basketball game, but such highlights shall not include audio or in-game features. The highlight package must not incorporate more than two (2) consecutive plays at any point from the contest. A graphic must appear which credits the applicable distribution arm of a particular telecast ("Courtesy The Mtn."). Such highlights may appear on an approved Web site no earlier than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the game. The shelf life of the highlights shall not exceed seven days from the conclusion of the contest.
3. No in-progress highlights are permitted.

CBS Sports Network and NBC Sports Network

1. Live video or live audio on Web sites is prohibited for all games broadcast on CBS Sports Network and NBC Sports Network. If a media outlet (TV, newspaper, magazine, blog, Facebook or Twitter) desires to use highlights online, they must contact **Michelle Postelle** in rights and clearances at CBS Sports Network and receive written permission (**Phone: 212-975-0986 or E-mail: mpostelle@cbs.com**).
2. An approved telecaster is allowed to post a maximum of 60 seconds of video highlights from each MW basketball game, but such highlights shall not include audio or in-game features. The highlight package must not incorporate more than two (2) consecutive plays at any point from the contest. A graphic must appear which credits the applicable distribution arm of a particular telecast ("Courtesy CBS Sports Network or NBC Sports Network."). Such highlights may appear on an approved Web site no earlier than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the game. The shelf life of the highlights shall not exceed seven days from the conclusion of the contest.
3. No in-progress highlights are permitted.

TV MINI-CAMS – NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. are the only television entities that may transmit live from inside the arena during live game action. If a non-originating television station, network or local cable origination channel desires to receive videotape and audio of tournament games, international sound, crowd/team "color" activities and all formal news conferences, it must take a feed from the video and audio distribution facilities provided by the

Mountain West at the arena. Any videotape or audio highlight excerpts received from the distribution facilities that are aired by a telecaster shall include an on-air "Courtesy NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn."

Camerapersons representing these non-originating agencies are not permitted to film game action and will not have courtside access except as noted below.

- Live television coverage will be limited to designated stand-up locations inside the Thomas & Mack Center and must be cleared through MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com/719-648-4027).
- Mini-cam operators must be accompanied by a Mountain West official when conducting a live shot within the arena or concourse. If a television entity conducts a live shot in the arena/concourse during game action, or without permission from the Media Coordinator, the television agency's credentials will be revoked.
- No television crews will be allowed to use additional lighting setups unless conducting a live shot and it is approved by the MW Media Coordinator or representative. Lighting will be provided in the media interview room for postgame news conferences. All mini-cam crews will receive a "Mini-Cam Policy" sheet from the MW Media Coordinator or representative if credentialed for the championship. It is the responsibility of each mini-cam crew to read, understand and obey all policies set forth by the Mountain West.
- Television stations wishing to broadcast live shots must coordinate the use of the lines with the local Las Vegas affiliates (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX).
- Mini-cam operators will have access to the arena floor until 60 minutes before the first game in each session. There will be no access for mini-cam operators to the arena playing floor area (including seating areas) during games for any purpose or between games of the same session. In between sessions, mini-cam operators will have access to the floor when the originating broadcast entity has discontinued its live coverage. When mini-cam operators have access to the arena, they will be permitted to shoot from the end zone aprons only.
- The postgame locker room policy for the Mountain West Basketball Championships allows mini-cam operators access to teams when the "cooling-off period" has expired and the locker room has been officially "opened" by a Mountain West media coordination staff member. Due to the limited space, mini-cams are not permitted in the locker rooms. Requested student-athletes will be brought out to a designated area in the Thomas & Mack tunnel. If the requested student-athletes participated in the postgame news conference, they will be interviewed in the Cox Pavilion Media Center tunnel. Battery equipment must be used for taping.
- Mini-cam operators may have access to open spots on the back row of the floor photo position located on each baseline during non-televised games. Mini-cam operators cannot stand and obstruct the view of spectators and must sit on an elevation not more than nine inches high.

The MW will provide several mult-boxes with video/audio feeds for credentialed TV stations desiring game action footage from the television broadcasts. Please travel with XLR cables.

PARKING FOR SATELLITE TRUCKS – Limited reserved satellite truck parking will be available at the Thomas & Mack Center. Media should submit requests via the online credential application process to guarantee a spot or contact Javan Hedlund via email (jhedlund@themwc.com) **by Wednesday, February 29**. The audio/visual distribution area will be located in the Media Work Room in Cox Pavilion Media Center. Satellite truck parking will be available in the fenced area on the Southwest side of Cox Pavilion and on the North side of the Thomas & Mack Center.

RADIO CREDENTIALS – A maximum of two credentials may be assigned to a radio station in a market area of an MW institution if it: (1) airs six or more daily sports reports, and/or (2) airs 15 or more college basketball games during the regular season.

Radio stations that do not meet the criteria above but covered (i.e., full-time reporters attended and filed reports) at least 80 percent of a participating institution's home games shall receive a maximum of one media credential.

Radio stations from the tournament host city each may receive a maximum of two media credentials if they: (1) regularly covered (i.e., full-time reporters attended and filed reports) college basketball during the regular season, and (2) aired six or more daily sports reports in the six months before the tournament.

RADIO BROADCASTS – The Mountain West retains radio broadcast rights for all games at the Championships. Each institution's commercial station/network may purchase broadcast rights to games in which its team is competing. Rights fees for commercial stations are \$550 for either the men's - or women's-only broadcasts - or a one-time fee of \$750 for the entire Championships (both men and women broadcasts). **Payment must be received by Monday, February 27 or flagship radio stations will not be permitted to set up at the arena.**

The rights fee includes the installation of phone lines, including an ISDN line and an analog line. The MW will also provide feeds of crowd noise and postgame news conferences to courtside radio broadcast locations. If you desire phone lines to the Media Work Room to use outside of your game broadcast you must contact MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com/719-488-4051). Each radio station that has purchased live broadcasting rights is allowed a maximum of four credentials.

A rights fee will be waived for any non-commercial, university-funded, student-run radio station if there are no commercials, sponsored elements or underwriting spots within the broadcast itself and if no subscription fee is charged. In addition, there cannot be any advertising on the audio player itself. A \$200 charge for the installation of analog phone line will be applied. Non-commercial, university-funded, student-run radio stations must notify MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com/719-488-4051) **no later than Wednesday, February 15** to guarantee a phone line on press row.

Any station that does not broadcast a game of the Championships, after contracting for such a space, shall be required to pay a forfeiture fee of 50 percent of the initial rights fee.

With permission from the head coach, an institution's originating station may have access to their team's locker room prior to the game to conduct interviews for the pregame show.

During competition, radio personnel are restricted to an area outside a 10-foot perimeter surrounding the team benches.

Live radio originations from the facility on game days by agencies other than the Mountain West Radio Network and the institutions' official networks are permitted in the Media Work Room. Live or taped play-by-play description of any game is prohibited. "Voicers" or interviews may be fed only after the game has concluded. Radio entities must apply via the online credential application process and fill out the dedicated phone line form **no later than Wednesday, February 15**. The cost for a dedicated phone line (ISDN or analog) is \$200.

The Mountain West Radio Network will broadcast all 14 games of the 2012 Championships. The Mountain West Radio Network has exclusive national radio broadcast rights (both terrestrial and satellite rights) to all sessions of the championship, including Internet radio rights. The MW Radio Network will originate live broadcasts via a national network and may syndicate to as many markets as it deems appropriate including the home markets of the competing institutions. In addition, each participating institution's official radio station or network may purchase rights for terrestrial distribution on its geographic area. No exclusive rights shall be granted.

Radio affiliates interested in picking up the MW Radio feed should contact MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com/719-488-4051). The MW may grant broadcasting rights to a national radio network for all rounds of the Championships. This network will be allowed to broadcast to its affiliates with the exception of the DMA of the originating station of a participating team and its network outlets. The national radio broadcast will also be aired on www.TheMWC.com.

NON-BROADCAST LIVE RADIO – Media representing non-broadcasting radio stations and individuals representing phone reporting services are prohibited from filing live reports via telephones from the arena area. These individuals may file reports from the Media Work Room. The Mountain West will also have an official staff phone to provide scores and radio updates. Live or taped play-by-play description of any game is prohibited.

ONLINE ENTITIES – The Mountain West and its Internet partner CBS Interactive are the only Web sites that can provide "live" coverage of the Basketball Championships (www.TheMWC.com).

No online service will be allowed "real-time" transmission of any games from the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships. Other than the official Web sites of the Conference, NBC SPORTS NETWORK, CBS Sports Network and The Mtn. representatives staffing Web sites shall be accredited based on the following guidelines:

- One credential may be issued to an online agency that covers (i.e., full-time staff members filed reports) at least 80 percent of the participating or host institution's home games.
- The official Web site of a competing institution, as approved by that school's sports information department, may receive one credential in addition to the three credentials affiliated with a participating institution (e.g. student newspapers, television stations, radio stations and yearbooks).

- A local print, local radio or local television agency will not receive more credentials than the number provided for elsewhere in this document. An agency may allot one (or more) of its credentials to its online entity.
- Online entities will not receive photography credentials.
- Any online service that is recognized as an outlet intended primarily for the purpose of delivering news related to the recruitment of student-athletes will not qualify for credentials.
- All Internet companies receiving credentials shall not post any live game footage, live statistics or live game information on any Web site (other than that of CBS College Sports Online, MWC or member institution).

Additional Video and audio policies for online entities:

- Web sites are not permitted to use audio/video highlights from MW TV rights holders broadcasts without prior consent of CBS Sports Network, The Mtn. and the MW.
- Internet Web sites may use audio highlights from the Mountain West Radio Network under the following guidelines:
 - a. Audio clips may not be used until the game is completed.
 - b. Such clips for the Internet should not exceed a total of four minutes for all games in a single day, and should not exceed one minute for any single game.
 - c. Internet sites and radio stations may not broadcast live feeds of a news conference taken from the video and audio distribution facilities provided by the MW. Upon the conclusion of press conferences, Internet sites may use a total of four minutes of press conference footage for all games in a single day, and should not exceed one minute for any single game's press conference.
 - d. Credit for use of audio must be given to "MW Radio Network".
 - e. Internet Web sites can link to www.TheMWC.com for archived streaming of the press conferences.

Real-Time Internet Policies

Subject to the following limitations and conditions, the Mountain West grants accredited media organizations the limited license to use certain gathered information on the media organization's web site only, beginning at the start of the MW championship and continuing until the conclusion of the event.

Each Credential Bearer (including television, Internet, radio, new media, and print publications) has the privilege to blog and post information online during competition through the Credential Entity. However, the blog account or information posted online may not produce in any form a "real-time" description of the event. Real-time is defined by the Mountain West as a continuous play-by-play account or live, extended live/real-time statistics, photos or detailed description of an event. Each of the aforementioned descriptions is exclusive to the Mountain West (or MW member institution) Web site and/or any other Web site designated by the MW and its rights holders. Periodic updates of scores, statistics or other brief descriptions of the competition throughout the event are acceptable.

Credential Bearer agrees that the determination of whether a blog account is posting a real-time description shall be at the sole discretion of the Mountain West (or MW member institution). If the Mountain West (or MW member institution) deems that a Credential Bearer is producing a real-time description of the contest, the Mountain West (or MW member institution) reserves all actions against Credential Bearer, including but not limited to, the revocation of the credential.

Under no circumstances may any live video, live audio or game highlights be broadcast or otherwise distributed on the Internet or via any other online service or computer service without the prior written consent of CBS Sports Network, The Mtn., or Mountain West.

Digital photographs of the Event (including Bearer-Generated Photographs) may be posted on the internet only in connection with and as part of regular print news coverage, including internet print news coverage. Any use of such photographs must be time-delayed, i.e., no sooner than at least five (5) minutes after the happening of the event depicted in the photograph. Digital photographs of the Event shall not otherwise be posted, placed, or distributed on the Internet. Without limitation, Bearer may not sell any photograph or image that features a MW student-athlete and/or coach, and may not use the name or likeness of the individual in any commercial or promotion for the media entity.

If media intend to blog at the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships, the media entity must indicate so through the credentialing process. Any media entity posting a blog during the Championships must submit a direct link to MW Director of New Media and Technology Katie Cavender at kcavender@themwc.com. In return, all media entities entering a blog must post the MW logo and Web site link on their site. All blogs must be free of charge to readers, and must adhere to the conditions and limitations of this Mountain West Blogging Policy.

The Mountain West, its eight member institutions, and its designated championship personnel shall be the final authority on whether a Credential Holder or Credential Entity is following the MW Blogging Policy.

Credential Bearer acknowledges that all broadcast rights, copyrights, trademarks, and other proprietary rights to the Event, and to the respective names, mascots, logos, uniform designs, and trademarks of the Mountain West and its member institutions are exclusively owned and/or licensed by the Mountain West, its member institutions, and/or third parties with which the Conference or its members have agreements. Except for use for news and editorial purposes as expressly permitted herein, Credential Bearer will not use any of the aforementioned without written consent by the Mountain West.

Acceptance and use of a Mountain West media credential constitutes an agreement by the bearer to abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. No more than 20 photographs may be used for news and editorial coverage of a Mountain West championship. Any use of such photographs must be time-delayed, i.e., no sooner than at least five (5) minutes after the happening of the event depicted in the photograph. **The photographs must not be available for download or purchase.**
2. Except for those originated by the rights holders, live text, audio or video play-by-play accounts originating from the arena are prohibited.
3. Score updates are permitted.
4. The use of textual statistical information must be time-delayed and limited in amount (e.g., the score, injuries, record-breaking performances, scoring summaries at the end quarters, a condensed halftime story) so that an organization's game coverage on the Internet does not conflict with the electronic media rights holder's rights to play-by-play accounts of the game and/or exclusivity as to such rights.
5. Should any of these conditions be breached, the media organization may not be credentialed for future games.
6. Without prior written consent by The Mtn. - MountainWest Sports Network, no person or entity may otherwise place or distribute video or audio highlights of any MW basketball game broadcast by The Mtn. (including any in-game video generated by the media entity of the men's basketball game) on or through the Internet or any other new media distribution platform (i.e., any platform other than over-the-air television) including, without limitation, wireless handsets, podcasts, cell phones or PDAs. If a media outlet (TV, newspaper, magazine, blog, Facebook or Twitter) desires to use highlights online, it must contact Chris McKone at The Mtn. and receive written permission (E-mail: cmckone@themtn.tv). An approved telecaster is allowed to post a maximum of 60 seconds of video highlights from each MW basketball game, but such highlights shall not include audio or in-game features. The highlight package must not incorporate more than two (2) consecutive plays at any point from the contest. A graphic must appear which credits the applicable distribution arm of a particular telecast ("Courtesy The Mtn."). Such highlights may appear on an approved Web site no earlier than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the game. The shelf life of the highlights shall not exceed seven days from the conclusion of the contest. **No in-progress highlights are permitted.**
7. Live-video or live-audio on Internet Web sites is prohibited for all games broadcast on CBS Sports Network and NBC Sports Network. If a media outlet (TV, newspaper, magazine, blog, Facebook or Twitter) desires to use highlights online, they must contact Michelle Postelle in rights and clearances at CBS Sports Network and receive written permission (E-mail: mpostelle@cbs.com). An approved telecaster is allowed to post a maximum of 60 seconds of video highlights from each MW basketball game, but such highlights shall not include audio or in-game features. The highlight package must not incorporate more than two (2) consecutive plays at any point from the contest. A graphic must appear which credits the applicable distribution arm of a particular telecast ("Courtesy CBS Sports Network or NBC Sports Network"). Such highlights may appear on an approved Web site no earlier than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the game. The shelf life of the highlights shall not exceed seven days from the conclusion of the contest. **No in-progress highlights are permitted.**

MEDIA SEATING – Seating arrangements for working media at the 2012 Conoco Mountain West Basketball Championships are the responsibility of the MW office. Mountain West officials will monitor press row seating and photographer locations throughout the Championships. Only working media, team scouts and tournament staff may sit in the press row area. The policies set forth by the Conference will be strictly enforced.

PRESS ROW SEATING – Cheering and/or taking photos (including cell phones) in the press row area is prohibited, including Overflow Media Seating areas. Members of the media or institutional personnel cheering or taking photos in these areas will be asked to move into the stands with possible credential revocation. Please check the seating charts posted in the media work room and on press row to locate your seat location for each session. Press row seating is for

working media, team scouts and tournament staff only. All other individuals will be asked to relocate. Unless otherwise approved by the Mountain West in advance, no one under 16 years of age shall be allowed to sit on press row.

Seating for media affiliated with television and radio outlets will be assigned on press row under the generic label "Overflow Media." Seats will not be assigned by outlet. **If you are a television or radio reporter that plans to blog from the arena, and would like a seat on press row, it is your responsibility to notify Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com) and/or Judy Willson (jwillson@themwc.com) no later than Wednesday, Monday, March 5 to guarantee a table seat.**

For games in which it participates, each institution will be designated a seat along press row T2 for an athletic department administrator. Athletic department personnel must follow all media polices while seated in the area or they will be asked to move into the general seating area.

Three (3) seats will be reserved for scouting purposes for each participating team on press row M2. Only official members of the coaching staffs of the participating teams shall occupy scouting seats at any time during the championship. Due to limited seating at press row, seats shall only be provided to teams to scout their next opponent. All others will be asked to move to another location not in the press row area to watch the game. Scouts cannot film or take photos from this area.

MEDIA HOSPITALITY – Light snacks will be provided throughout every game day in the media work room with a full meal provided once a day. Only credentialed members of the media and individuals with All Access and Event Staff credentials shall be allowed in the media hospitality room. The media hospitality room schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 7 Dinner	10 a.m.-11 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 8 Dinner	10 a.m.-11 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9 Dinner	10 a.m.-11 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10 Lunch	11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

MEDIA WORK ROOM – A Media Work Room will be provided in the Cox Pavilion Lower Gym, including electrical power and a limited number of communal telephones. All media phone lines are restricted to collect or credit card use for long distance calls. The phones are also restricted to outgoing calls only. Media wishing to ensure access are strongly advised to order a dedicated phone for exclusive use through the online credential process or by contacting MW Media Coordinator Javan Hedlund (jhedlund@themwc.com/719-488-4051). The cost for installation is \$200 per line. All media will have equal access to the non-exclusive phone lines in the media work room.

The Mountain West will offer both wireless and hard line Internet access during the 2012 Conoco Basketball Championships. Please indicate what type of Internet access you will need during the credential process to ensure enough bandwidth is provided in the Media Work Room.

GAME TICKETS – No tickets are provided on a complimentary basis by the Mountain West to media or friends of media. By Mountain West policy, ticket allotments are distributed equally to member institutions. Media should contact a local institution or the Mountain West (Gary Walenga – gwalenga@themwc.com/719-488-4047) if interested in purchasing tickets.

POSTGAME EMAIL – Box scores and quotes will be emailed to those entities that sign up for the service through the credential application process. (Box scores will be posted immediately following each game to the Mountain West Conference Web site: www.TheMWC.com.)

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS – Each team’s media relations staff will assist media in coordinating interview requests involving players and coaches not attending the postgame news conference. These interviews will take place in the locker room or the Thomas & Mack tunnel, due to limited space in the hallway outside the locker rooms. Contact a member of the media relations staff of the respective institution to arrange postgame interviews.

POSTGAME NEWS CONFERENCES – A 10-minute “cooling-off” period has been set aside for the losing coach (five minutes for the winning coach) to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after each game. For all games, the period begins when the coach reaches the locker room area after the game or interview with NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports/The Mtn., the Mountain West Radio Network and/or the institution’s radio network. The media coordination staff should limit the time the winning team waits in the holding area, keeping them in the locker room until the losing team is nearly finished in the interview room. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period, but may not extend it. The coach and student-athletes must report to the interview room after the cooling-off period ends.

Postgame news conferences will take place in the Cox Pavilion Media Center following a 10-minute “cooling-off” period.

Order of Appearance – The losing coach and student-athletes shall be scheduled in the interview room before the winning coach and student-athletes.

The men’s and women’s championship trophy will be presented on the floor following each championship game. The postgame news conference will begin after the conclusion of the trophy presentation. The announcement of the all-tournament team will be made at the beginning of the postgame press conferences following both the men’s and women’s championship finals.

Obligation of Coach – Regardless of any personal regular-season radio or television contracts, the coach is first obligated to the entire media staffing the tournament and must report to the interview room immediately after the cooling-off period ends. After fulfilling this commitment to the media staffing the tournament, the coach and student-athletes may participate in other interviews. The coach cannot delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview by the MW television rights holders, MW radio or institutional radio as noted herein. If the television rights holders and MW radio network choose not to conduct immediate postgame interviews, the institutional flagship station will also be bypassed.

MW TELEVISION AND RADIO RIGHTS HOLDERS, POSTGAME INTERVIEW PROCEDURES – Coaches must proceed directly to the dressing room after the game unless asked to remain for a short interview by NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn., Mountain West radio or institutional radio.

If requested, the winning coach and student-athletes shall grant postgame interviews, not to exceed four minutes, to NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. and Mountain West Radio Network if they are still providing live coverage from the facility. The MW Media Coordinator (or designee) will be responsible for terminating the four-minute interview period, not the television or radio network. The networks cannot inordinately delay the coaches’ and student-athletes’ return to the locker room. If the networks are not prepared to conduct live interviews immediately, they must be taped immediately.

Coaches and student-athletes who are not being interviewed by NBC Sports Network/CBS Sports Network/The Mtn. or Mountain West Radio Network may conduct interviews with the institution’s radio network during the four-minute period. Coaches and student-athletes will not be permitted to wait for the institutional radio station to return from a break.

Additionally, the head coach has the option of conducting an interview with the institution’s radio network—at the network’s courtside seating location—during a two-minute period after the conclusion of the initial four-minute period.

No other media interviews may take place during the cooling-off period. Once a coach permits one media representative to enter the locker room before the cooling-off period has ended, the locker room will be open to all other media representatives desiring access.

LOCKER ROOMS – On game days, the locker rooms will be open to print media for a maximum of 30 minutes after the cooling-off period ends, provided media representatives are present the entire time. Mini-cams are not permitted in locker rooms due to space limitations, but may request student-athletes come out to designated mini-cam holding area to record interview. Student-athletes who do not play in the game may depart earlier. At the institution’s discretion, the locker room can remain open for individual interviews with players who were held in the holding area prior to going on the dais and

thus were unavailable while other players were interviewed in the locker room. Since institutions are provided with two All-Access credentials for each men's and women's basketball Sports Information Director, **it is requested that one SID remain in the locker room while coaches and student-athletes are being interviewed. The other SID should attend the postgame press conference. The MW will provide an escort to take coaches and players to and from the press conferences. The players will be escorted back to the locker room when they have been dismissed from the press conference.**

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS - Coaches and student-athletes are not permitted to conduct interviews via telephone until the locker room is closed by a member of the MW Communications staff, or until after their postgame obligations to all media have been met (including The Mtn. interviews with winning team), whichever comes later.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices. Student-athletes will be prohibited from using cell phones or any other electronic devices during the time the locker room is open to the media.

FLAGSHIP RADIO – With permission from the head coach, an institution's originating station may have access to their team's locker room prior to the game to conduct interviews for the pregame show.

POOL REPORTER – A pool reporter will be designated for the 2012 Mountain West Championships by the MW Communications staff to obtain a rules interpretation if needed regarding a game situation from the game officials. The pool reporter will be accompanied to the Officials' dressing room by a representative of the Mountain West. At that time, an interpretation pertaining exclusively to the specific situation will be given.

INFORMATION SERVICES – Media guides, participant releases, updated statistics, game box scores, tournament records and other information will be available in the media work room located in the Cox Pavilion Media Center.

Audio/video feeds from each postgame news conference, digital photos, AP wire stories and NCAA Photos/AP photos will be posted to www.TheMWC.com throughout the tournament.

PROFESSIONAL SCOUTS – Any professional team representative requesting admission to the Mountain West Championships for the purpose of scouting players must purchase tickets to the Championships through Gary Walenga (gwalenga@themwc.com/719-488-4047). No complimentary tickets or passes shall be given to scouts. Scouts shall purchase all-session tickets from the Mountain West and will be issued a game ticket. Rosters and statistics will be delivered to the Scout Area upon request. Scouts shall pick up tickets at Will Call the week of the tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIPS PHOTOS – Digital photos from each game of the Basketball Championships will be available for media use (not for promotional or commercial purposes of the media entity). Newspapers may contact MW Director of New Media and Technology Katie Cavender (kcavender@themwc.com/775-750-2800) or Chris Steppig at NCAA Photos (csteppig@richclarkson.com/785-550-8136) for use of championship photos.

SEEDING/BRACKET ANNOUNCEMENTS – The women's bracket will be announced Wednesday, February 29 at the conclusion of regular season play. The men's bracket will be announced Saturday, March 3 at the conclusion of regular season play. Both will be released via email and the MW Web site.

TELECONFERENCE – A men's basketball coaches' teleconferences will be held on Monday, March 5 to assist media in previewing the Championships. The call-in number is 866-387-3440. The call will begin at 10 a.m. MT and will include the eight men's head coaches. A replay of the call can be accessed through the conference Web site: www.TheMWC.com or by calling Kim Melcher (719-488-4050) for the replay number.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM – The men's and women's All-Conference teams will be announced LIVE on The Mtn. on Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. MT as voted on by the league's coaches and media panel. The men's and women's awards will consist of the following: First-, Second and Third-Team All-Conference, All-Defensive Team, Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Freshman of The Year, Newcomer of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Sixth-Man/Person of the Year and honorable mention all-Mountain West.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM – An All-Tournament Team and Most Outstanding Player will be awarded at the start of each postgame press conference following the men's and women's championship games on Saturday, March 10. The Mountain West will appoint a panel of media to select the honorees.