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As Soon as Possible Upon Regional Final Win	Reference
Determine and invite official travel party.	Section 10, Page 27
Connect with your Final Four team and band/spirit squad hosts.	Section 17, Page 45
Determine various ticket allocations for your constituents (team, official travel party, booster group, etc.).	Section 19, Page 48
Determine institutional policy regarding travel expenses for various groups (official travel party, student-athletes, band and spirit squad members, etc.).	-
Review NCAA policies regarding travel and per diem expenses.	Section 10, Page 27
Submit/update travel rosters and flight preferences on the Short's Travel portal at www.shortstravel.com/ncaachamps . Please note that utilizing this website is to input your travel preferences only. Once your preferences are uploaded onto the portal, you will need to call Short's to make your travel party arrangements. The number to call is 866/655-9215.	-
Solidify ground transportation arrangements for various groups.	Section 21, Page 55
Distribute copies of this manual to all staff members (including band director and spirit squad coach).	-
Contact assigned hotel properties to confirm all arrangements (rooming list, billing, BEO's, etc.).	Section 6; Appendix 5
SID to forward 200 media guides and 400 copies of game notes and statistics to arrive in Houston by Tuesday, March 29. Remind media to sign up for inclusion on the team media list.	Section 16, Page 44
Notify Jason Sabatino if disabled ticket needs exceed allocation.	Section 19, Page 52

Monday, March 28, 2011	
By 11 a.m. Central time, e-mail to Abby Nool a copy of your travel itinerary for your official travel party. Travel itineraries should include all mandatory appearances.	-
From 11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Central time, head coach must participate in NCAA telephonic news conference.	Section 9, Page 24
At 1 p.m. Central time, SIDs should participate in a conference call with David Worlock.	-
By 2 p.m. Central time, notify George Pickard , Transportation Coordinator, if additional buses will be used.	Section 21, Page 56
By 3 p.m. Central time, email the Participating Institution Key Contact/Travel Information Form to Abby Nool .	Appendix 6
By 5 p.m. Central time, make approvals to the team media list.	Section 16, Page 48
Prepare an itinerary and review the schedule of events, including news conferences, breakout sessions, practice schedule, pre-tournament meeting and pre-championship meeting with the coaching staff.	-
Send 30-second institutional promotional video (in BETA format) to Lee Dicklitch (Hyatt Regency Houston, 1200 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, 713/654-1234).	-
Review Will-Call and Player-Guest admissions, as well as other ticket policies with your staff.	Section 19
Contact Jason Sabatino to review ticket procedures.	Section 19, Page 48

Tuesday, March 29, 2011	
By 10 a.m. Central time, e-mail a copy of the institution's Final Four band and spirit squad schedule to Tammy Lee .	-
At 11 a.m. Central time, be on mandatory call with the primary administrators of each of the Final Four teams and NCAA representative, Ron English. Call-in number: 866/590-5055. Passcode: 4456260.	-
By Noon Central time, e-mail the preferred contemporary song title and artist (i.e., not music by school band) that may be used during Final Four game production to Lee Dicklitch .	-
By Noon Central time, e-mail official notification to hotel properties as to whether you will use contingency rooms.	Appendix 5
By Noon Central time, e-mail the Will-Call/Player-Guest Form to Jason Sabatino .	Appendix 7
By Noon Central time, e-mail the Participating Institution Credential Form to David Worlock .	Appendix 8
By Noon Central time, e-mail the Band, Spirit Squad/Mascot and Team Pass Gate Lists to Abby Nool .	Appendices 9, 10, 11
At 2 p.m. Central time, band director and spirit squad coach to take part in a teleconference with Tammy Lee and Ron English .	Section 3, Page 15
By 11:59 p.m. Central time, fax and email rooming lists to hotel properties.	Section 6, Page 20
Notify the director of athletics of mandatory Final Four Salute Presentation, pre-tournament meeting, Sunday pre-championship meeting (if applicable), head coach and news conference responsibilities.	-
Contact Jason Sabatino if additional tickets are needed to the Thursday evening Salute Presentation.	Appendix 12

Wednesday, March 30, 2011	
Upon arrival at the Final Four site, distribute special event invitations to selected institutional special guests.	-
By 5 p.m. Central time, institutions will be required to purchase unsold tickets that are not returned to Jason Sabatino .	Section 19, Page 50

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Thursday, March 31, 2011	
At 8:30 a.m. Central time, a member of your sports information staff should attend the SID meeting.	Section 16, Page 43
35 complimentary Salute Presentation tickets will be delivered to your primary administrator by the team host.	Appendix 12
10:00 a.m. - 4:35 p.m. Central time, CLOSED team practices. Teams must arrive in Houston prior to their assigned practice and/or news conference obligations.	Section 11, Page 28 Section 21, Page 55
By Noon Central time, submit ticket distribution plan to Jason Sabatino .	Section 19, Page 50
At 6:15 p.m. Central time, attend the Salute Presentation at the Wortham Center (Brown Theater). Ring-sizing will take place during this time. Please bring completed ring-sizing form. (Appendix 1)	Appendices 1 and 12

Friday, April 01, 2011	
From Noon - 4 p.m. Central time, OPEN practices take place in Reliant Stadium during Final Four Friday.	Section 11, Page 28
By 4 p.m. Central time, deadline to obtain a written release from the hotel GM to relieve teams from room obligations.	Section 6, Page 21
At 4:15 p.m. Central time, attend the pre-tournament meeting and submit any revisions to the Band Pass Gate List, Spirit Squad/Mascot Pass Gate List and Participating Team Pass Gate List at this time. Head coach is NOT required to attend this meeting.	Section 8, Page 23

Saturday, April 02, 2011	
Police report must be submitted to Reliant Stadium in order for a "stolen ticket pass" to be issued.	Section 19, Page 52
From 7:45 a.m. to noon Central time, CLOSED practices take place in Reliant Stadium.	Section 11, Page 29
From 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Central time, bands and spirit squads perform at Bracket Town.	-
By noon Central time, player-guest and will-call administrators shall be in place at Reliant Stadium.	Section 19, Page 49
From 3:30 - 4 p.m. Central time, bands and spirit squads perform at the Tailgate Tip-Off at Reliant Park.	-
At 5:09 p.m. Central time, National Semifinal Game No. 1. in Reliant Stadium.	-
40-minutes after the conclusion of National Semifinal Game No. 1, National Semifinal Game No. 2.	-

Sunday, April 03, 2011	
At 2 p.m. Central time, attend the pre-championship meeting at Reliant Stadium. Head coach is NOT required to attend.	Section 8, Page 23
From 2-5:05 p.m. Central time, CLOSED practices take place in Reliant Stadium.	Section 11, Page 29
At 6 p.m. Central time, both championship game head coaches make a brief joint appearance at an NABC awards show at the Wortham Center (Cullen Theater).	Section 15, Page 38

Monday, April 04, 2011	
From 10:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. Central time, CLOSED practices take place in Reliant Stadium.	Section 11, Page 29
By 4 p.m. Central time, player-guest, will-call, and special student seating administrators in place at Reliant Stadium.	Section 19, Page 48
Between 6:55 - 7:15 p.m., bands and spirit squads perform at the Tailgate Tip-Off.	-
At 8:23 p.m. Central time, National Championship Game in Reliant Stadium.	-
Approx. midnight (or 1 a.m.), NABC trophy presentation/pep rally at championship team's headquarters hotel.	Section 15, Page 39

Wednesday, May 04, 2011	
Deadline to submit expense reimbursement.	Section 10, Page 27

Thursday, May 19, 2011	
Wire full payment for tickets in care of Elisa Halpin .	Appendix 17

Tournament Personnel

NCAA

NCAA National Office (Indianapolis)----- 317/ 917-6222

Members of the Division I Men's Basketball Committee and staff will be available throughout Final Four week at the NCAA headquarters hotel, the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Houston.

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NCAA Media Coordination Office ----- Phone: 317/917-6720

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NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee

Tournament Director: Gene Smith, Ohio State University

Regional Champion Team Liaisons **(TENTATIVE):**

East Regional: Mike Bobinski, Xavier University
(Newark) Jeff Hathaway, University of Connecticut

Southeast Regional: Steve Orsini, Southern Methodist University
(New Orleans) Ron Wellman, Wake Forest University

Southwest Regional: Dan Beebe, Big 12 Conference
(San Antonio) Lynn Hickey, University of Texas at San Antonio

West Regional: Scott Barnes, Utah State University
(Anaheim) Doug Fullerton, Big Sky Conference
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Tournament Personnel (continued)

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Team Host Coordinator	Reid Gettys reid.g.gettys@exxonmobil.com	(O) 713/656-6282

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Tournament Personnel (continued)

Reliant Stadium

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Tournament Personnel (continued)

Team and Band/Spirit Squad Hosts. Team hosts, and those for the bands/spirit squads, have been assigned to each regional champion team. These individuals will be local contacts for the teams while they are in Houston.

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East Regional: Newark

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Band/Spirit Squad Hosts	Jaunelle White whitejh@tsu.edu	(C) 832/785-9461
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Southeast Regional: New Orleans
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Team Host	Craig Rhodes crhodes@houston.org	(O) 713/844-3609 (C) 713/325-3055
Band/Spirit Squad Hosts	Mark Mazziotti mazziotti@msn.com	(C) 713/899-6719
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Tournament Personnel (continued)

Southwest Regional: <i>San Antonio</i>

Team Host	Trace Howard tracy.1.howard@exxonmobil.com	(O) 713/656-7725 (C) 832/797-5528
Band/Spirit Squad Hosts	Kim Koehn kimk@rice.edu	(C) 281/924-8913
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West Regional: <i>Anaheim</i>
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Team Host	James Brown jbrown@ghcvb.org	(O) 713/437-5217 (C) 713/504-4590
Band/Spirit Squad Hosts	Suzanne Boue suzanne.boue@rice.edu	(C) 773/818-9951
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Transition Teams. The following individuals have been assigned as transition teams, and will be representing Houston at the respective regional sites.

East Regional: <i>Newark</i>

Team Host	Bryant Savage bryants@rocketball.com	(O) 713/758-7575 (C) 832/567-1928
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Tournament Personnel (continued)

Southeast Regional: <i>New Orleans</i>

Team Host	Craig Rhodes crhodes@houston.org	(O) 713/844-3609 (C) 713/325-3055
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Southwest Regional: <i>San Antonio</i>

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West Regional: <i>Anaheim</i>
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Note: All times are Central

Stadium Entrances.

Access Control Points. There will be a fenced perimeter around Reliant Stadium, and entry into the stadium grounds will be through nine Access Control Points (ACP), numbered 1 through 9. There is in and out access to the stadium grounds through ACPs 1 through 6, however, those who enter Reliant Stadium with a valid session ticket do not have in and out access to the stadium itself. Upon entry into the stadium, patrons will have their valid session ticket scanned and torn, and patrons may not exit the stadium and then re-enter without another valid session ticket.

Team Entrance. Enter through ACP 9/North Loading Dock via a pass list.

Band/Spirit Squad/Mascot Entrance. Enter through ACP 9/North Loading Dock via a pass list.

Player-Guest Entrance. ACP 8/Gate A (Northwest corner of Reliant Stadium).

Student Seating Entrances. Enter through ACP 3/Gate C. Refer to Appendix 16 for details regarding wristband pickup and entry.

Team Will-Call Windows. Windows are located at the ticket offices of exhibit halls B, C, D and E in the main lobby of Reliant Center. Patrons are not required to pass through an ACP to enter Reliant Center, which is located next to Reliant Stadium.

Gate Openings and Game Times.

- (1) Open practice, Friday, April 1.
 - (a) ACP and public gates open at 11:00 a.m. Central Time.
 - (b) Practices will begin at Noon, 1, 2:10 and 3:10 p.m. Sequence of practices will be based upon game times.

- (2) National semifinals, Saturday, April 2.
 - (a) ACP will open at 1 p.m. Central Time. Public gates to Reliant Stadium will open at 3:00 p.m. Central Time.
 - (b) Special student entrance gate, ACP 3, will open at 12:30 p.m. Central Time. Gate C to enter Reliant Stadium will open at 1:30 p.m. Central Time.
 - (c) Sequence of games will be determined subsequent to the regional finals. Directors of Athletics will be advised Sunday evening, March 27, by the NCAA staff.
 - (d) Game No. 1 tipoff is tentatively scheduled at 5:09 p.m. Central Time. Game No. 2 will begin approximately 40 minutes after the completion of Game No. 1.

- (3) National championship, Monday, April 4.
 - (a) ACP will open at 4:30. Public gates to Reliant Stadium will open at 6 p.m. Central Time.
 - (b) Special student entrance gate, Access Control Point 3, will open at 4:30 p.m. Central Time. Gate C to enter Reliant Stadium will open at 5:30 p.m. Central Time.
 - (c) Tipoff is tentatively scheduled for 8:23 p.m. Central Time.

Non-Playing Participant Seating.

Non-playing participant seating will be located in the following sections:

Section 136	Row 1	Seats 1-27
Section 137	Row 1	Seats 1-27

Spirit Squad/Mascot Seating (when not participating). During the other national semifinal game from which their team is playing, spirit squad/mascots may sit in the non-playing participant section. If their team is not a participant in the championship game, members must purchase tickets from their institution’s allotment.

Student Seating. [Refer to Appendix 16] Student seating sections will be located on the field level of the stadium behind each goal, and in the upper level of the stadium. Each participating institution will have a designated seating section on the floor immediately behind their band. Floor sections 1 and 3 will access their seats via the aisles between sections 135-136 and 137-138, respectively, and floor sections 2 and 4 will access their seats via the aisles between sections 115-116 and 117-118, respectively. Those students with upper level seating will be directed to their seats in sections 621-622, 647-648. Half of each institution’s student seating will be on the floor with the other half located in the upper level.

Students will enter Reliant Stadium through ACP 3/Gate C at the Southeast corner of Reliant Stadium. Doors will be clearly marked for each team. Student all-session tickets are \$25, which will allow admission to all three games of the Final Four.

The student-ticketing sections on Saturday will include t-shirts (one size fits all) for each student attendee sitting in those sections (both in the lower level behind the baskets and in the upper levels). In order to provide cost-efficient and timely manufacturing and delivery of these shirts, the NCAA is waiving any royalties due from the t-shirt licensee/manufacturer (Gear For Sports). To insure a school-specific t-shirt to each of the four sets of students, the NCAA will request each of the four participating schools to also waive licensing royalties on these limited edition (and not for retail) t-shirts.

The students are expected to wear their team t-shirt during the games.

Coaches’ Scouting Seats.

Scouting seats shall be reserved as follows:

National Semifinal Game No. 1: Total of six (three for each team participating in the second game).

National Semifinal Game No. 2: Total of three (for the first-game winner).

National Championship: No scouting seats shall be reserved.

The location of the scouting seats will be identified at the sports information directors meeting on Thursday, March 31. Only official members of the teams’ coaching staffs may occupy these seats.

There is no seating for professional scouts attending any session of the tournament. Professional scouts will not be issued credentials (by the team, media or NCAA) or provided media information and must purchase game tickets.

Administrators' Seating. (Directors of athletics, sports information staffs and conference representatives seated at press row): Seats will be posted on press row and in the media workroom.

Additional Administrators' Seating. (Ticket manager, will-call coordinator and player-guest coordinator): Seats will be provided from participating team's ticket allotment.

Team. The national champion will receive the official NCAA trophy at the awards ceremony on the court immediately after the conclusion of the national championship game. Additionally, the national champion will receive an NABC trophy, which will be presented during an awards ceremony at the national champion's headquarters hotel and will be the only award presented at that time. This later awards ceremony will be held after all media obligations have been fulfilled, and the team departs Reliant Stadium for its hotel after the national championship game.

For the runner-up and semifinalists that do not advance, two game balls will be shipped to the director of athletics after the Final Four.

Individual. Each institution will receive 26 rings that will be shipped to each campus three weeks after the national championship. Due to the production time of the rings, it is necessary to determine ring sizes of student-athletes at the NCAA Salute Presentation on Thursday, March 31.

Each person to receive one of the 26 rings will be measured for size by a representative of Jostens during the reception prior to the Salute Presentation on Thursday evening. [Refer to Section 15] The team representative should provide the Jostens representative with the list of individuals who will be sized. [Refer to Appendix 1] The sizing process will not be disruptive to the team representatives. Any individual may choose not to be sized; however, that individual's ring will likely not be delivered with the other rings.

No student-athlete shall order a ring for anyone other than himself, and the NCAA Men's Final Four logo may not be used on rings subsequently designed by the participating institution, unless pre-approved by the NCAA.

Teams should notify **Tammy Lee** at the NCAA national office (317/917-6500 or tlee@ncaa.org) with any questions.

Commemorative Plaque. A participating institution may purchase an unlimited number of commemorative plaques that are different from the participant awards. Commemorative plaques may be ordered by contacting **Sharon Cessna** at the NCAA national office (317/917-6222 or scessna@ncaa.org).

Team Bench Chairs. Final Four teams have the opportunity to purchase sideline bench chairs and souvenir chairs. The cost of the sideline bench chair (Model #PS100) is \$135 (plus shipping and handling) and the cost of the souvenir chair (Model #ABS700) is \$75 (plus shipping and handling). Teams interested in purchasing chairs should fill out the order form and send to **Courtney Perry** at the NCAA national office (317/917-6834 or cperry@ncaa.org) no later than April 18. The chairs will be shipped to one campus location in May. [Refer to Appendix 2]

Celebration Apparel. The NCAA will provide official NCAA "celebration apparel" (i.e., caps and t-shirts) to the national champion. These items are to be worn during the on-court postgame celebration and NABC trophy awards ceremony at the team's hotel. No other "celebration apparel" will be allowed other than the institutional uniform or warm-up.

Note: All times are Central

Bands

Number. At all tournament sessions, bands in attendance shall be limited to 30 members, including one director.

Admittance. Band members and one director shall be admitted to the stadium for their team's Friday practice session and to the game sessions. The band shall be admitted by a pass gate list. The institution shall submit the pass gate list to the NCAA staff no later than noon, Tuesday, March 29 and at the Sunday, April 3, pre-championship meeting. The band entrance is located through the North Loading Dock and Access Control Point 9.

Seating. The band seating locations will be at each end of the floor, beyond the court deck in front of the student sections.

Storage. An area located in close proximity to the spirit squad warm-up area will be available for storage of band cases. The NCAA, Reliant Stadium and the Houston Local Organizing Committee are not responsible for the stored instrument cases.

National Anthem. It is highly likely that a special performance will be scheduled through the NCAA. However, if no special arrangements are made, then the highest seeded team's band shall have the opportunity to play the National Anthem prior to the first national semifinal game on Saturday and the national championship game on Monday. Regardless of who performs the anthem, the following protocol shall be followed:

1. Both teams line up on the court decking **in front of their bench** prior to player introductions to acknowledge the presentation of the National Anthem. (This lineup position is different than in earlier rounds of the tournament.)
2. After the National Anthem is performed, the head coaches will meet at the scorer's table to shake hands and then return to benches in preparation for the announcement of the starting lineups and start of game.

Band directors are asked to advise their groups of the following policies:

1. Artificial noisemakers, inflatable noisemakers, air horns, electronic instruments, etc., are not permissible;
2. The director shall prohibit the band or any component thereof (including drums) from playing while the game is in progress. Inasmuch as a band playing while the game is in progress is a violation of basketball rules, the game officials shall handle such incidents if they occur;
3. Bands may not use their own electronic amplification equipment. Bands will be amplified through the facility's house system;
4. Band members must wear their institutional band uniform. If the uniform includes a single manufacturer's or distributor's label or trademark, it shall not exceed 2 ¼-square inches in area;

Section 3

Bands/Spirit Squads/Mascots (continued)

- 5. Songs affiliated with any professional sports team or products are prohibited; and
- 6. Band members are not permitted to exit their designated seating area and play at the end of the court during halftime or pregame warm-up periods.

Performances. To add to the festivities at the Final Four, the NCAA requests that each institution’s band perform for the fans at the following special functions in Houston:

Friday, April 1

Open Practice

[Note: Bands are invited to attend and play at the stadium on Friday during their team’s open practice session. Please note other activities are scheduled to take place between team practice sessions, therefore, bands’ playing time may be limited due to the other activities scheduled. Bands are permitted to play during their team’s entrance and exit from the court and during the practice, if the head coach and team administrators will allow.]

Noon-12:50 p.m.	Optional	Game No. 1 Lower Seed [Reliant Stadium]
1-1:50 p.m.	Optional	Game No. 2 Lower Seed [Reliant Stadium]
2:10-3 p.m.	Optional	Game No. 1 Higher Seed [Reliant Stadium]
3:10-4 p.m.	Optional	Game No. 2 Higher Seed [Reliant Stadium]

Saturday, April 2

[Note: It will not be permissible for bands, spirit squad members and mascots to perform at pep rallies in parking lots or concourses adjacent to Reliant Park or the George R. Brown Convention Center, unless specifically authorized by the NCAA.]

10:30-11:30 a.m.	Mandatory	Bracket Town [George R. Brown Convention Center]
3:30-4 p.m.	Mandatory	Tip-Off Tailgate [Reliant Park]
5:09 p.m.	Mandatory	National Semifinal Games [Reliant Stadium]

Section 3

Bands/Spirit Squads/Mascots (continued)

Sunday, April 3

No scheduled events.

Monday, April 4

[Note: It will not be permissible for bands, spirit squads and mascots to perform at pep rallies in parking lots or concourses adjacent to Reliant Park or the George R. Brown Convention Center, unless specifically authorized by the NCAA.]

6:55-7:15 p.m.	Mandatory	Tip-Off Tailgate [Reliant Park]
8:23 p.m.	Mandatory	National Championship Game [Reliant Stadium]
Postgame	Mandatory	NCAA/NABC Coaches Trophy Presentation Celebration [Championship Team’s Headquarter Hotel]

Bands and spirit squads will be permitted to perform only at official school functions and NCAA-sanctioned events, unless otherwise approved by the NCAA. Additional requests should be forwarded to **Tammy Lee** at the NCAA (Cell: 317/966-6743; E-mail: tlee@ncaa.org) for review and approval. We ask that you submit your Final Four performance schedule to **Tammy** no later than 10 a.m. Central time, Tuesday, March 29. We would also like to conduct a conference call with all band directors and spirit squad/mascot coaches at 2 p.m. Central Time, Tuesday, March 29 to review your Final Four weekend schedule. The call-in number for this call is [877/402-9753]; passcode [6978546]. **Do not release this number to the general public.**

Note: Prior to arrival in Houston, additional NCAA appearances may be added to your schedule.

Spirit Squads

Number. A maximum of 12 spirit squad members and one costumed mascot from each participating team shall be allowed on the floor during the full (media) timeouts. At all other times (during 30- or 60-second timeouts or when play is in progress), spirit squads and mascots are restricted to their assigned end of the court. Spirit squads will be on the court deck and must be seated. Mascots will be positioned on the floor, near their team’s band. During pregame player introductions, spirit squads and mascots are restricted to the area between the baseline and the free-throw line extended.

Admittance. Each spirit squad member or mascot shall be admitted to Reliant Stadium by a pass gate list submitted to the NCAA staff no later than Noon, Tuesday, March 29 and at the Sunday pre-championship meeting. The spirit squad entrance to Reliant Stadium is through the North Loading Dock (Access Control Point 9). The NCAA will issue a credential to the spirit squad coach. This individual shall sit in the first row of the band seating section and will not be permitted outside of the band area while the game is in progress.

Seating. During the other game of a session in which their team is playing, spirit squad members may sit in the non-playing participant section. For admission to the championship game, if their team is not a participant, spirit squad members must purchase tickets from their institution's allotment.

Warm-up and Storage Space. A warm-up area will be located just inside the band/spirit squad entrance at the North Loading Dock. The NCAA, Reliant Stadium, and the Houston Local Organizing Committee are not responsible for any items that may be stored in this area.

Timeouts. Spirit squads and mascots shall alternate performances at timeouts. They shall depart the floor when the first horn sounds at the conclusion of a timeout. Spirit squads and mascots shall not perform on the floor during 30-second or 60-second timeouts. The following is the timeout rotation:

National Anthem (if no performer is scheduled): higher-seeded team (e.g., #1)

Full Timeouts (Bands, spirit squads and mascots)

First full (media) timeout: lower-seeded team (e.g., #16)

Second full (media) timeout: higher-seeded team

Third full (media) timeout: lower-seeded team

Fourth full (media) timeout: higher-seeded team

Fifth full (media) timeout: lower-seeded team

First full media timeout in the second half begins with the higher-seeded team and alternates through the fifth full media timeout.

Thirty- or sixty-second Timeouts (Bands only)

First 30-second or 60-second timeout: higher-seeded team

Second 30-second or 60-second timeout: lower-seeded team

Third 30-second or 60-second timeout: higher-seeded team

Fourth 30-second or 60-second timeout: lower-seeded team

(Continue rotating higher-seeded team, then lower-seeded team)

Spirit squad coaches are asked to advise their groups of the following policies:

1. Spirit squads may not use megaphones as a distraction by pounding them on the floor, hitting them with the hand(s) or other objects or waving them in any way;
2. An institution's flags, of any size, may be displayed or waved on the court only during pregame activities and halftime. The flags will not be permitted on the court during timeouts;
3. Spirit squads may not perform routines that are affiliated with any professional sports team or commercial product;
4. Spirit squads may not throw items (e.g., t-shirts, souvenir basketballs) into the stands;
5. Spirit groups or any other group may not place items (e.g., t-shirts, pompoms, hats, etc.) in designated ticket areas;
6. Spirit squads and mascots will be restricted to the area between the baseline and free-throw line extended during player introductions;

- 7. Spirit squad members must wear their institutional uniform. If the uniform includes a single manufacturer’s or distributor’s label or trademark, it shall not exceed 2 ¼-square inches in area;
- 8. Spirit or dance squads may use recorded music (i.e., CD) over the public address sound system for their halftime performance, but not during pregame or timeouts;
- 9. Spirit squads and mascots shall alternate performances at timeouts. They shall depart the floor when the first horn sounds at the conclusion of a timeout. Spirit squads and mascots shall not perform on the floor during 30-second or 60-second timeouts;
- 10. Only the participating institutions’ representatives may perform at halftime. Each institution may occupy the floor for a maximum of four minutes after halftime recognitions are completed;
- 11. Spirit squads and mascots shall not converse with or approach game officials; and
- 12. All spirit squads must conform to the guidelines set by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors (AACCA). Spirit squads must be **seated** (kneeling is NOT permitted) at all times the ball is in play, including during free throw attempts. Neither the NCAA nor the host institution/conference shall be responsible for supervising or monitoring routines performed by cheerleaders at championship events. Except as noted herein, supervision of squads, their activities, yells and stunts are solely the participating institution’s responsibility. The participating institution shall ensure that the squad has sufficient training, supervision and equipment for any and all routines its squad may choose to perform. [Refer to Appendix 3]

Please note the 2011 Division I Men’s Basketball Championship will not permit spirit squads to lay out mats during pregame, halftime or postgame. Therefore, the stunts outlined in Section H of the 2010-2011 AACCA Guidelines are prohibited during the 2011 championship.

Band & Spirit Squad Liaisons:

Name: Ryan Holloway
Office Number: 713/348-2328
Cell Phone: 281/788-0842
E-Mail: rmh4@rice.edu

Name: Blakely Allen
Office Number: 713/348-6930
Cell Phone: 713/444-7832
E-Mail: bca2@rice.edu

Confidentiality. Drug-testing should remain confidential at all times.

Procedure. In order to maintain the confidentiality of the student-athletes, the following drug-testing procedure will take place:

Teams shall enter the locker room for the postgame “cooling-off” period. If the team has given Turner/CBS access to the team’s locker room, the network cameras are permitted in the locker room during this time. At the conclusion of the “cooling-off” period, Turner/CBS cameras shall exit the locker room and the NCAA drug testing representatives will enter to notify the student-athletes and complete the paper work.

After notification is complete, NCAA drug testing representatives shall exit the locker room and wait for the student-athletes at the testing location. The team escorts will take the coach and the requested student-athletes to the news conference and the locker room attendant will open the locker room to the media for the 30-minute interview period.

A student-athlete who did not compete in the game, and is not obligated to the media but is selected for drug testing, may report to testing after 15 minutes have passed. The student-athletes who were selected for the news conference must return to the locker room after the news conference for the remainder of the 30-minute interview period before proceeding to the drug testing area. [Refer to Appendix 4]

For additional information regarding NCAA drug testing, refer to the NCAA Drug Testing Program 2010-11 handbook (www.ncaa.org/drugtesting).

Selection. Game officials are selected by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee.

Team Notification [New procedure for 2011]. At 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on Tuesday, March 29, the names of the 10 total officials assigned to the Final Four will be announced by the NCAA via an official press release. While the names will be released, the game assignments, including the standby official, will not be announced until the following times:

- At 9 a.m. (local time of the Final Four site) on Saturday, the officiating assignments for the semifinal games will be announced by the NCAA via an official press release.
- At 9 a.m. (local time of the Final Four site) on Monday, the officiating assignments for the championship game will be announced by the NCAA via an official press release.

Note: All times are Central.

Room Block and Guarantee. Five hundred (500) rooms have been reserved and guaranteed for each participating institution. The institution may assign its student-athletes and coaches to either of the two listed properties.

Two hotels comprise each team's block; each team's "headquarters hotel" will be designated by the institution's primary administrator at the conclusion of the regional final. The institution must use all rooms unless it invokes the release option as outlined in the "Cancellation, Relocation" policy below. Please notify the hotels as soon as possible as to which property will be assigned to your team and band and spirit squad.

Please note that two (2) complimentary rooms from the team block (at the hotel where the team is staying) shall be needed for the following: One (1) room will be assigned to the team host, and one (1) room shall be assigned to the team security representative, who shall accompany the team on a 24-hour basis. The NCAA will submit the names of the team host(s) and the team security representative assigned to the complimentary rooms.

The director of athletics or designee of each institution shall sign contracts with hotels at the time of advancement to the Final Four. A hotel representative will be on site at each regional site (as part of the transition team) to execute the contract. The institution will be responsible for payment of hotel charges, regardless of whether any third party or travel agents are contracted by the institution. [Refer to Appendix 5] If the institution has any concerns with filling its guaranteed room block, please contact **Jacqie Carpenter** immediately. (317/917-6485; E-mail: jcarpenter@ncaa.org)

Participating institutions are strongly encouraged to package a portion of its tickets with hotel rooms in the block to assure all rooms are used. All rooms are non-commissionable.

Early Arrival. Forty rooms have been held on a contingent basis at each team property for arrival Wednesday, March 30. For those teams that plan to arrive prior to this date, the team hotel contact should be notified immediately. [Refer to Appendix 5]

Institutional Responsibility. By contract, each institution is responsible for payment for its entire room block for four nights (Friday, April 1, through and including Monday, April 4) regardless of when the team arrives or whether the team wins or loses on Saturday, April 2. Upon the determination of the regional champions, the institutions' names will replace the NCAA name on all hotel contracts.

Reservation Deadline. Each institution is responsible for forwarding a rooming list to the hotel contact no later than midnight, Tuesday, March 29. Individuals **may not** make reservations directly with the hotels. It is the responsibility of the participating institution to forward a rooming list to the hotels.

Payment. The method of payment for all charges shall be mutually agreed upon by the director of athletics/primary administrator and the hotel representative. All accounts shall be paid in full within the hotel's regular billing cycle unless otherwise agreed upon by the aforementioned individuals. If full payment is not forwarded to the hotel within that period, the NCAA will pay the balance due and deduct the amount from the institution's distribution of tournament receipts.

Cancellation, Relocation. Only if it obtains a written release from the hotel manager prior to 4 p.m. (Central time), Friday, April 1, may a participating institution be released from all or a portion of its sleeping-room obligation. The hotel is under no obligation to provide this release. The institution must submit a copy of the hotel's written agreement to release these rooms to **Jacqie Carpenter** (Fax: 317/917-6827; E-mail: jcarpenter@ncaa.org).

A participating institution is precluded from relocating to a hotel where another participating institution or game officials have been assigned, or to the NCAA headquarters hotel.

In the event a team wishes to relocate to a property that was not reserved by the NCAA, that hotel must be located not more than 20 miles from Reliant Stadium.

Hotel Security. In order to guarantee privacy for the team, the NCAA will provide two unarmed security officers who will be available to the team, at the team hotel only, on a 24-hour basis at the NCAA's expense. Additionally, the NCAA will provide one unarmed security officer in the overflow hotel. The hotel representative will forward the security officer's contact information to each team's primary administrator. The team may arrange additional security at its own expense.

Meeting Space. Selected team hotels are holding assigned space for team functions. Team representatives should contact the hotels for a description of the space. Teams are responsible for providing the hotel with a schedule of meetings, catering instructions, billing instructions and any special needs (e.g., audio-visual). The space is as follows:

- **Team meeting rooms.** Team hotels are holding **three** rooms to accommodate 50 persons comfortably at rounds. Space is being held from Wednesday (March 30) through Tuesday (April 5).
- **Reception room.** Team hotels are holding one ballroom to accommodate up to 300 persons, reception-style. Space is being held from Wednesday (March 30) through Tuesday (April 5).
- **NCAA/NABC Coaches Trophy Presentation.** This trophy presentation will take place in the winning team's headquarters hotel following the championship game. The hotel will plan for approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

Hotel Assignments, Contacts and Rates. [Refer to Appendix 5]

Fan Housing. A website, available to assist with hotel rooms for Final Four fans, has been established by the Houston Local Organizing Committee. Please direct inquiries for room needs (beyond those held for your institution online) to www.ncaa.com/finalfour or 866/982-NCAA.

For general information on Houston, contact the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Association at www.visithoustontexas.com.

Access to emergency medical service will be available at Reliant Stadium during all practice sessions and competition.

If an institution wishes to have its own team physician on its bench during games, that individual must be on the official pass gate list, must occupy one of the 17 chairs on the team bench and wear a credential pin on his/her lapel.

Please note that team physicians will be issued a team credential that will allow them access to the court and/or locker room, should there be a need for his/her services in those areas. This credential is different than the credential pin described in the previous paragraph, and does not allow the physician to sit on the team bench during games.

Tournament Medical Personnel.

Title	Name
Tournament Athletic Trainer	Richie Valdes, LAT, ATC
Tournament Physicians	Mark Escott, MD (Primary Care) Leland Winston, MD (Orthopedic) Don Schaffer, MD (Internal) Winfield Campbell (Orthopedic Physician) Dale Brent , DDS
Sports Science Coordinator/Drug Testing Liaison	Dawn Stuckey
Drug Testing Escorts	Kristin Salinas, Ben Kwan

Medical Facilities.

Memorial Herman – Texas Medical Center
6411 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030
(713) 704-4000

Directions from Reliant Stadium:

From Reliant Stadium, exit to Kirby and go north across Old Spanish Trail. Make a right on Main Street heading Northeast approximately 1.4 miles. Make a right on University Blvd. and an immediate left on to Fannin. The Medical Center is on the right hand side.

Emergent care will transport to the most accessible and highest trauma/specialty facility from the origin of the issue.

A tournament physician will be in attendance for each game and will be on-call for each practice session. The physician will be seated near the playing floor and will be accessible at all times during games.

Practice and Game Services. During all practice and competition times, ambulance service and staff will be on site at Reliant Stadium.

The Tournament Athletic Trainer, Richie Valdes, will provide medical staffing for all games and practices at Reliant Stadium. Richie can be reached on his cell phone at **706/254-8198**.

Note: All times are Central**Sports Information Directors Meeting**

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m. (Central time)
Location: Reliant Stadium Press Box, South Lounge (Press Box Level)

Pre-Semifinal Meeting

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee will conduct a meeting for representatives of the participating institutions to review tournament procedures. This meeting will be held:

Date: Friday, April 1, 2011
Time: 4:15 p.m. (Central time)
Location: Reliant Stadium, West Media Press Room (Event Level)

The following individuals from each participating institution **must** attend this meeting:

1. Director of athletics or other designated administrator;
2. Sports information director; and
3. Head coach, full-time assistant coach **or** director of basketball operations.

Note: Head coach is not required to attend.

Pre-Championship Meeting

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee will conduct a meeting for representatives of the participating institutions in the National Championship game. The basketball committee, NCAA staff and host institution will provide specific information about the next day's competition. The meeting will be held:

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2011
Time: 2 p.m. (Central time)
Location: Reliant Stadium, West Media Press Room (Event Level)

The following individuals from each participating institution advancing to the National Championship game **must** attend this meeting:

1. Director of athletics or other designated representative, who may be a coach or director of basketball operations; and
2. Sports information director.

Note: Head coach is not required to attend.

Note: All times are Central

Monday, March 28

Each team advancing to the Final Four shall host a one-hour, mid-day news conference on the Monday or Tuesday (school choice) preceding the national semifinals. The head coach and a minimum of two starting players shall participate in this news conference, which is to be arranged and operated by each participating institution’s SID.

The head coach of each participating team shall participate in an NCAA telephonic news conference, which will be held from **11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. (Central time) on Monday, March 28**. Each head coach must be on the call for 20 minutes (see schedule below). The NCAA will confirm that morning the telephone number from which the coach will participate in the call. Coaches will participate in the following order:

Time (Central time)	Coach
11-11:20 a.m.	Coach of Game 1, Team A (alphabetically)
11:20-11:40 a.m.	Coach of Game 1, Team B (alphabetically)
11:40 a.m. -12 p.m.	Coach of Game 2, Team A (alphabetically)
12-12:20 p.m.	Coach of Game 2, Team B (alphabetically)

It is suggested that the SID schedule a concurrent local news conference on Monday, permitting media at the institution’s site to ask questions of the other three coaches.

Media representatives may listen to the news conference by dialing 913/981-5507, passcode 5940794. Please do not share these numbers with the public. Normal long distance charges apply.

Thursday, March 31

Breakout Sessions (All media invited):

	Breakout sessions with selected student-athletes	Breakout sessions with head coaches
Game No. 1 Higher Seed	10:50-11:10 a.m.	11:10-11:25 a.m.
Game No. 1 Lower Seed	12:40-1 p.m.	1-1:15 p.m.
Game No. 2 Higher Seed	2:25-2:45 p.m.	2:45-3 p.m.
Game No. 2 Lower Seed	4:05-4:25 p.m.	4:25-4:40 p.m.

Individual interviews with head coaches and selected student-athletes (These interviews are with Turner/CBS, NCAA Productions and NCAA Radio):

Game No. 1 Higher Seed	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Game No. 1 Lower Seed	11:35 a.m. -12:35 p.m.
Game No. 2 Higher Seed	1:10-2:10 p.m.
Game No. 2 Lower Seed	2:55-3:55 p.m.

Friday, April 1

Game No. 1 Lower SeedCoach's Schedule

1-1:15 p.m.	News conference in interview room
1:20-1:30 p.m.	Joint Turner/CBS interview with other Game No. 1 coach

Student-Athletes' Schedule

1-1:30 p.m.	Individual interviews inside or outside locker room
1:15-1:30 p.m.	News conference in interview room (selected student-athletes)

Game No. 2 Lower SeedCoach's Schedule

2-2:15 p.m.	News conference in interview room
2:20-2:30 p.m.	Joint Turner/CBS interview with other Game No. 2 coach

Student-Athletes' Schedule

2-2:30 p.m.	Individual interviews inside or outside locker room
2:15-2:30 p.m.	News conference in interview room (selected student-athletes)

Game No. 1 Higher SeedCoach's Schedule

1:20-1:30 p.m.	Joint Turner/CBS interview with other Game No. 1 coach
1:45-2 p.m.	News conference in interview room

Student-Athletes' Schedule

1:30-2 p.m.	Individual interviews inside or outside locker room
1:30-1:45 p.m.	News conference in interview room (selected student-athletes)

Game No. 2 Higher SeedCoach's Schedule

2:20-2:30 p.m.	Joint CBS interview with other Game No. 2 coach
2:45-3 p.m.	News conference in interview room

Student-Athletes' Schedule

2:30-3 p.m.	Individual interviews inside or outside locker room
2:30-2:45 p.m.	News conference in interview room (selected student-athletes)

Saturday, April 2

Postgame	Losing teams first, after 10-minute cooling off period Winning teams second, after five-minute cooling off period
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Sunday, April 3**Winner of Semifinal Game No. 1**

Noon-12:30 p.m.	News conference, Game No. 1 winner student-athletes and coach on dais
12:35-1:05 p.m.	Individual news conferences, coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms
1:10-1:20 p.m.	Coaches joint interview with Turner/CBS
1:25-1:55 p.m.	Student-athletes and coach available for individual interviews with Turner/CBS, NCAA Productions and NCAA Radio
1:25-1:55 p.m.	Selected other student-athletes available in locker room

Winner of Semifinal Game No. 2

1:10-1:20 p.m.	Coaches joint interview with Turner/CBS
1:30-2 p.m.	News conference, Game No. 2 winner student-athletes and coach on dais
2:05-2:35 p.m.	Individual news conferences, coach on dais, student-athletes in breakout rooms
2:40-3:10 p.m.	Student-athletes and coach available for individual interviews with Turner/CBS, NCAA Productions and NCAA Radio
2:40-3:10 p.m.	Selected other student-athletes available in locker room

Monday, April 4

Postgame	Losing team's coach and selected student-athletes on dais after 10-minute cooling off period Winning team's coach and selected student-athletes on dais five minutes after returning to the locker room after the net-cutting ceremony
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Overview. Transportation expenses and a per diem of \$215 will be provided for an official traveling party of 100 persons for the Final Four. Each team will receive a minimum of four days per diem.

In order for a participating institution to receive full per diem and transportation expenses, its traveling party must include 30 band members (including one director), 12 spirit squad members, one spirit squad director and one mascot.

If an institution does not meet this requirement, their allowable travel party is reduced by the number missing. For example, if an institution only has 28 (instead of the allowable 30) band members, 12 spirit squad members, 1 spirit squad director and 1 mascot, their allowable travel party would be reduced to 98.

Expense Reimbursement. Expense reimbursement requests for participation in NCAA championships are filed through an online system. The Travel Expense System (TES) can be found online at www.ncaa.org.

After logging into the membership portion of www.ncaa.org, place the cursor over **Governance**, click on **Finance, Insurance and Travel** and then choose **Travel and Reimbursement Information** in the Related Information section to reach the Travel page. All competing institutions must request reimbursement through the system in order to receive the appropriate reimbursement. The system will also allow you to request exceptions to the travel policy online (i.e., extra per diem days) and review previously submitted expense reports for changes to requested amounts.

Training materials for the system will continue to be available online, at the same website where the travel policies are located. These include a user's guide which can be printed, as well as a video presentation on how to use the system. We encourage anyone with responsibility for completing expense requests to review these materials.

Reimbursement requests must be received by the national office within 30 days of the final day of competition (**May 4, 2011**). For assistance requesting reimbursement, please contact the NCAA travel department at 317/917-6757 or travel@ncaa.org.

Teams are responsible for having sufficient funds to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including ground transportation, lodging, meals and other miscellaneous expenses.

IMPORTANT: Refer to Section 12, "Required Administrative Forms." Administrators are required to submit all forms by the deadlines requested, including the travel information form.
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General. Teams have the option to practice at Reliant Stadium during their scheduled times on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Teams **are required** to practice at Reliant Stadium on Friday.

Open Practice On Friday. Practices held on Friday are open to the general public and media. Each institution is **required** to appear at the start of its assigned 50-minute practice time and utilize at least 30 minutes of its time.

- **Additional Note For Friday:** Teams are **required** to have jersey numbers on their practice apparel for ease in identifying student-athletes by the individuals attending the open-practice sessions.

Closed Practices. The practices on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday are closed to the general public and media (including print or electronic media that may be traveling with the team). Representatives of Turner/CBS and rights-holding radio networks, plus selected still-photo technicians, will have access to the floor as soon as the arena opens to the media on all game days. The basketball committee may determine, after consultation with the producers of Turner/CBS and NCAA radio networks, whether a limited number of production technicians can be present during closed practice on Sunday to perform necessary services related to the presentation of the telecast(s)/broadcast(s). No announcers or management personnel may be admitted. Closed practice is restricted to 35 individuals from the participating institution, the Division I men’s basketball staff, the basketball committee representatives and the practice coordinator. No media representative shall be included in the list of 35, nor shall any media representative have access to the playing floor during closed practices. However, with a school’s permission, members of the institution’s radio network may be part of the list of 35 individuals allowed courtside during closed practices.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE IN RELIANT STADIUM

Note: All times are Central

<p>Thursday, March 31 (Optional practice for teams; This practice is closed) *</p>

10-11:30 a.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed
11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed
1:20-2:50 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed
3:05-4:35 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed

<p>Friday, April 1 (Required practice for teams; This practice is open to the general public and media)</p>
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Noon-12:50 p.m.	Game No. 1 Lower Seed
1-1:50 p.m.	Game No. 2 Lower Seed
2:10-3 p.m.	Game No. 1 Higher Seed
3:10-4 p.m.	Game No. 2 Higher Seed

Saturday, April 2
(Optional practice for teams; This practice is closed)

Each team shall be offered one hour of practice time. There shall be four one-hour time slots, with a 5 minute break before each practice. The final window will conclude on the nearest half-hour five hours before tipoff of the first game. Teams shall choose their practice times in the following order: Higher Seed Game No. 1 (Lower Seed Game No. 1 will be assigned the remaining time slot); Higher Seed Game No. 2 (Lower Seed Game No. 2 will be assigned the remaining time slot). Turner/CBS personnel will be in the arena during the final practice session in addition to the staff from television, radio and print media entities that are noted at the end of this section.

Participants in Game #1	
Time slot 1: 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	TBD
Time slot 2: 8:50 – 9:50 a.m.	TBD
Participants in Game #2	
Time slot 3: 9:55 – 10:55 a.m.	TBD
Time slot 4: 11 a.m. – noon	TBD

Sunday, April 3
(Optional practice for teams; This practice is closed)

2-3:30 p.m.	Winner of Semifinal Game No. 1
3:35-5:05 p.m.	Winner of Semifinal Game No. 2

On Sunday, the Basketball Committee may determine after consultation with the producers of Turner/CBS and the NCAA Radio Network that a limited number of production technicians can be present during closed practice to perform necessary services related to the presentation of the telecast or broadcast. No announcers or management personnel may be admitted.

Monday, April 4
(Optional practice for teams; This practice is closed) *

Each team shall be offered one hour of practice time. There shall be four one-hour time slots, with a 10-minute break between practices, concluding five hours before game time. The actual assignments will be established at the pre-championship meeting. The higher-seeded team shall determine its practice time first. If both teams have the same seed, a drawing will determine the first team to practice. Teams may choose one of the following time slots:

10:50 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	Time Slot 1	Team_____
12-1 p.m.	Time Slot 2	Team_____
1:10-2:10 p.m.	Time Slot 3	Team_____
2:20-3:20 p.m.	Time Slot 4	Team_____

*Representatives of Turner/CBS, selected still photography technicians and rights-holding radio networks have access to courtside as soon as the arena opens to set up equipment, rehearse and perform other administrative duties. No still photos, videotaping or interviews are permitted.

Alternate Practice Sites.

No additional practice time is available at the competition site. The following is a list of other possible practice sites that are located in the Houston area. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The participating institutions must provide basketballs, towels, etc. Each team will have the option of closing the practice to the media.

Please contact off-site practice coordinator, Chad Kocian, to make off-site practice arrangements at any of the facilities listed below.

Chad Kocian
713/252-9277 (cell)
chadkocian@hotmail.com

Houston Baptist University – Sharp Gymnasium (8 miles from Reliant Stadium)

Rice University – Tudor Fieldhouse (3 miles from Reliant Stadium)

Texas Southern University – (7 miles from Reliant Stadium)

University of Houston – Hofheinz Pavilion (9 miles from Reliant Stadium)

E-mail the following forms as indicated below:

By 3 p.m. (Central time), Monday, March 28, 2011, e-mail the **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION KEY CONTACT/TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM** to Abby Nool. [Refer to Appendix 6]

Abby Nool's E-Mail Address: adnool@ncaa.org

By Noon (Central time), Tuesday, March 29, 2011, e-mail the **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION WILL CALL AND PLAYER-GUEST INSTITUTIONAL PERSONNEL FORM** to Jason Sabatino. [Refer to Appendix 7]

Jason Sabatino's E-Mail Address: jsabatino@ncaa.org

By Noon (Central time), Tuesday, March 29, 2011, e-mail the **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION CREDENTIAL FORM** to David Worlock. [Refer to Appendix 8]

David Worlock's E-Mail Address: dworlock@ncaa.org

By Noon (Central time), Tuesday, March 29, 2011, e-mail the **BAND PASS GATE LIST, SPIRIT SQUAD/MASCOT PASS GATE LIST AND PARTICIPATING TEAM PASS GATE LIST** to Abby Nool. [Refer to Appendices 9, 10 and 11]

Abby Nool's E-Mail Address: adnool@ncaa.org

CHANGES TO FORMS

At the pre-semifinal meeting conducted at 4:15 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2011, please submit any revisions to the band pass gate list, spirit squad/mascot pass gate list and the team pass gate list in hard copy. [Refer to Appendices 9, 10 and 11]

Elite 88 Award

Please note the nomination form for this award is **past due**, and should be submitted as soon as possible. This award, which will recognize the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average among the student-athletes participating on this year's Final Four teams, will be presented during the Salute Presentation on Thursday, March 31. All Final Four participating institutions must submit a nomination form, and can do so online at <http://bit.ly/dGEpCD>

Note: All times are Central

Thursday, March 31	
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Optional Closed Team Practice – Game No. 1 Lower Seed. (Reliant Stadium)
11:40 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Optional Closed Team Practice – Game No. 1 Higher Seed. (Reliant Stadium)
1:20 – 2:50 p.m.	Optional Closed Team Practice – Game No. 2 Lower Seed. (Reliant Stadium)
3:05 – 4:35 p.m.	Optional Closed Team Practice – Game No. 2 Higher Seed. (Reliant Stadium)
7:00 p.m.	Salute Presentation. (Wortham Theater Center) [Team parties must arrive at the Wortham Theater Center by 6:15 p.m.]

Additional Practice Note -- The basketball committee may determine, after consultation with the producers of Turner/CBS and the NCAA Radio Network, that a limited number of production technicians can be present during closed practices to perform necessary services related to the presentation of the telecast or broadcast. No announcers or management personnel may be admitted.

Media Interviews -- Please note that each team’s coaches and student-athletes will have media interview obligations throughout the day. Please see Section 9 for detailed news conference schedules.

Friday, April 1	
11 a.m.	Reliant Stadium doors open to the public.
Noon – 12:50 p.m.	Required Practice – Game No. 1 Lower Seed. (Open to the general public and media.)
1 – 1:50 p.m.	Required Practice – Game No. 2 Lower Seed. (Open to the general public and media.)
2:10 – 3 p.m.	Required Practice – Game No. 1 Higher Seed. (Open to the general public and media.)
3:10 – 4 p.m.	Required Practice – Game No. 2 Higher Seed. (Open to the general public and media.)
4:15 p.m.	Pre-Semifinal Meeting. Reliant Stadium, West Media Press Room (Event Level)

Media Interviews -- Please note that each team’s coaches and student-athletes will have media interview obligations throughout the day. Please see Section 9 for detailed news conference schedules.

Saturday, April 2	
7:45 – 9:50 a.m.	Window of opportunity for Game No. 1 participants to have an optional one-hour closed practice. Exact times to be determined at Friday’s pre-semifinal meeting.
9:55 a.m. – noon	Window of opportunity for Game No. 2 participants to have an optional one hour closed practice. Exact times to be determined at Friday’s pre-semifinal meeting.
3 p.m.	Reliant Stadium doors open to the public. (Special student seating doors will open at 1:30 for participating team students only.)
5:09 p.m. (tentative)	Semifinal Game No. 1. (Semifinal Game No. 2 to follow 40 minutes after conclusion of Semifinal Game No. 1.)

Additional Practice Note -- Representatives of Turner/CBS, selected still photography technicians and rights-holding radio networks have access to courtside beginning at 9 a.m. to set up equipment, rehearse and perform other administrative duties. No still photos, videotaping or interviews are permitted.

Media Interviews -- News conferences will be held in the interview room following each game, in addition to postgame media opportunities in each team’s locker room. See Section 9 for details.

Sunday, April 3	
2 p.m.	Pre-Championship Meeting. Reliant Stadium, West Media press Room (Event level)
2 – 3:30 p.m.	Optional Closed Practice – Winner of Semifinal Game No. 1.
3:35 – 5:05 p.m.	Optional Closed Practice – Winner of Semifinal Game No. 2.
6:15 – 7 p.m.	Championship game head coaches make a brief joint appearance at an NABC awards show at the Wortham Theater Center (Cullen Theater).

Additional Practice Note -- The basketball committee may determine, after consultation with the producers of Turner/CBS and the NCAA Radio Network, that a limited number of production technicians can be present during closed practice to perform necessary services related to the presentation of the telecast or broadcast. No announcers or management personnel may be admitted.

Media Interviews -- Please note that each team’s coaches and student-athletes will have media interview obligations throughout the day. Please see Section 9 for detailed news conference schedules.

Monday, April 4

10:50 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Window of opportunity for semifinal winners to have an optional one-hour closed practice. Exact times to be determined at Sunday's pre-championship meeting.
6 p.m.	Reliant Stadium doors open to the public. (Special student seating doors do not open early this day.)
8:23 p.m. (tentative)	National Championship Game -- Winner of Semifinal Game No. 1 vs. Winner of Semifinal Game No. 2.
12 a.m. (approx.) Tuesday	Winning team's coach and student-athletes presented an NABC trophy at the team's headquarters hotel following all postgame activity at Reliant Stadium, and the team's subsequent return to their hotel after the game.

Additional Practice Note -- Representatives of Turner/CBS, selected still photography technicians and rights-holding radio networks have access to courtside beginning at 9 a.m. to set up equipment, rehearse and perform other administrative duties. No still photos, videotaping or interviews are permitted.

Media Interviews -- News conferences will be held in the interview room following the game, in addition to postgame media opportunities in each team's locker room. See Section 9 for details.

The following security policies will be implemented for the Final Four:

Participating Teams

1. The team entrance policy for practices and games at the Final Four is unchanged from the earlier rounds of the tournament.

Each day of practice and competition, only those individuals on the institution's pass gate list will be admitted with government-issued identification or positive identification by a full-time administrator. The pass gate list includes a maximum of 35 individuals for practices and 22 individuals for games. The pass gate list must be e-mailed to Abby Nool at the NCAA (see Appendix 11). Teams may revise the pass gate list each day, and present the changes at the team entrance area. Only a full-time coach or administrator may make changes to the list.

For closed practices, should an institution list a person normally identified as a media representative on the team pass gate list, the facility shall be open to all media once that individual enters. (Exception: radio announcers from the team's flagship commercial radio station may be on the 35-member list without opening closed practices to the rest of the media.)

The pass gate list will be used for all practices and game sessions at the site. Persons on the list can enter the facility any time on practice or game days if they have met the criteria as outlined below. Once inside the facility, participants will be issued a credential pin (games) or wristband (practices), which must be worn for access to courtside, media areas and other secured locations. Credential pins shall be worn only by individuals who are on the team's 22-person pass list; they are not transferable. The pin must be worn on the lapel, rather than on the belt or shoes.

The 22 individuals included on the official travel party list will not be required to show a government-issued photo ID. Each participating team's primary or secondary administrator must be available at the team entrance to confirm photo identification of the 22 individuals on the official travel party list via the media guide.

The additional 13 individuals accompanying the official travel party (for practices) will be required to show a government-issued photo ID each time they enter the facility via the pass gate list.

Individuals who have been issued a credential or others entering the facility via a pass gate list (i.e., media, bands, spirit squads and mascots) must show a government-issued photo ID each time they enter the facility. The Division I Men's Basketball Committee and the NCAA reserve the right to revise this policy, contingent on national security issues.

2. All participating teams' bags (including equipment bags, band equipment bags/instrument cases and spirit squad equipment bags) will be inspected and tagged prior to entry into the stadium.
3. Non student-athletes on the 35-person pass gate list must wear a wristband for admission to closed practices. These wristbands will be provided upon entrance to the facility.

4. A security representative assigned by the NCAA will be with the team 24-hours a day. This individual will stay in the team's headquarters hotel and will accompany the team at all times.

General Public

1. The following rules will apply in Reliant Stadium:
 - Unlicensed sale of tickets will result in expulsion;
 - Everyone, regardless of age, must have an event ticket;
 - There will be no re-entry into the stadium (on game days);
 - Re-entry into the extended perimeter is allowed;
 - No bottles, cans or liquor containers;
 - No food or beverages not dispensed by Reliant Stadium concessionaire;
 - No video recorders on game days (permitted on Final Four Friday ONLY);
 - No large bags, backpacks or large purses;
 - No weapons of any kind;
 - No laser pointers;
 - No missile-like objects;
 - No artificial noisemakers;
 - No large signs, banners or flags;
 - No promotional items with commercial slogans or identification;
 - All guests and items (purses, small hand bags, etc.) are subject to physical inspection by security personnel;
 - Any item deemed dangerous or inappropriate by management will not be allowed in Reliant Stadium;
 - Confiscated items will be destroyed, not returned; and
 - Access Control Points at Reliant Park for Tip-Off Tailgate event will open at 1 p.m. Central time for semifinal games on Saturday, April 2; and 4:30 p.m. Central time for the National Championship game on Monday, April 4.
 - Reliant Stadium doors will open at 11 a.m. Central time for open practice on Friday, April 1; 3 p.m. Central time for the semifinal games on Saturday, April 2; and 6 p.m. Central time for the National Championship game on Monday, April 4.
2. Everyone must have a game ticket or the appropriate wristband to gain access into the Tip-Off Tailgate event outside of the stadium on the Reliant Park grounds. Institutions will be provided appropriate wristbands in advance to accommodate any player guests, as they do not receive their game ticket stub until they enter the stadium. Students receiving access to the special seating areas will receive the appropriate wristband for access into the Tip-Off Tailgate per the instructions shared in **Appendix 16**.

Media

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

PrimeSport Hospitality

PrimeSport will be offering special hospitality opportunities in Houston for participating institutions' fans, friends and alumni. The "School Experience" events will be held in Reliant Center and offer customizable options from which to choose. This is an optional program for participating institutions, and is designed to help create a rewarding experience at the Final Four. Please see Appendix 18 for complete details.

Team Welcome Events

Upon arrival at their hotel, participating student-athletes and coaches are greeted by fans and members of the local community in celebration of their accomplishments. This event commonly showcases the flavor of the local community.

Community Day - Samaritan's Feet/Feed the Hungry (Monday, March 28 – Thursday, March 31)

The NCAA, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Samaritan's Feet, and Feed the Hungry have teamed during Final Four week to distribute 2,011 pairs of shoes and family food packs to youth and families in-need throughout the Houston community, with the help of the following organizations: Star of Hope, AAMA, Change Happens, and Acres Home Multi-Service Center. Samaritan's Feet is a humanitarian non-profit organization dedicated to taking a life-changing message of hope and equipping the feet of impoverished children in the United States and around the world with shoes. Feed the Hungry is a non-profit organization that distributes food to those in need.

Thursday, March 31

Bracket Town refreshed by Coca-Cola Zero (Through Monday)

Bracket Town is a five-day indoor interactive event, held in the George R. Brown Convention Center, which targets basketball fans and fans of all NCAA Championship sports. Bracket Town will showcase trivia contests, autograph sessions with basketball coaches, live basketball-related entertainment and a traveling version of the NCAA Hall of Champions. Bands and spirit squads from participating institutions will perform at Bracket Town on Saturday, and a host of other activities will take place on Center Court (a replica of the Final Four court) throughout the weekend.

Final Four Salute Presentation (Mandatory for Participating Teams)

Produced by the NCAA and held at the Wortham Theater Center, this annual private event celebrates the success and triumph of "The Road to the Final Four." Through a mixture of inspiring video highlights and in-person interviews by Jim Nantz of CBS Sports, each of the student-athletes and coaches competing in the Final Four are recognized at this memorable event. A reception follows the event at the Wortham Center Grand Foyer (the reception is not mandatory for the teams). [Appendix 12]

Friday, April 1

The Big Dance Concert Series (Through Sunday)

Produced by the NCAA and its Corporate Champions, this event has become known for music, food and fun. The Big Dance is the epicenter for the weekend's events and will be held at Discovery Green in downtown Houston. The NCAA's three-day concert series features live music, special guests and other entertainment to rally the crowd. Admission is free.

Friday, April 1 (Continued)**Tip-Off Tailgate presented by Infiniti**

The NCAA is offering this new tailgate event on site at the competition venue for the first time. Enjoy fan interaction, music, food and beverage at Reliant Park. Make sure to arrive early on game days to experience this new event. Valid game tickets are needed for access to the tailgate on Saturday and Monday. No game ticket needed for Friday.

Reese's College All-Star Game

Basketball fans are provided the unique opportunity to see some of the country's best NCAA basketball players at this event. The nationally televised Reese's College All-Star Game is co-produced by the NCAA and NABC and features two teams comprised of college basketball's top seniors and will be conducted in Reliant Stadium. Admission and parking are free.

Final Four Teams Fan Gathering Locations (Through Monday)

Houston restaurants will adopt fans from each of the Final Four teams during championship week. Make this establishment your headquarters to meet friends and alumni. These establishments will be the primary fan gathering locations throughout the week. See the chart at the end of this section for a listing of these fan gathering restaurants.

Saturday, April 2**Powerade NCAA Youth Clinics**

Held at the University of Houston, Houston Baptist University, Texas Southern University and John H. Reagan High School, the NCAA Youth Clinics are a community outreach program that connects youth, ages 8-16, with the basketball championship and provides them with resources designed to have a lasting impact. Participants receive sport instruction from NCAA coaches and student-athletes and get valuable information on fitness, healthy lifestyles and sportsmanship. The clinics also feature a session for parents and guardians with information on recruiting, academic and eligibility issues.

Sunday, April 3**NCAA Final Four Dribble presented by Lowe's Senior Class Award (Youth Activity)**

Youth, ages 8-18, will dribble a basketball through the streets of Houston to help commemorate the Final Four. Approximately 4,000 youths will participate in this celebratory event that is free of charge to participate. Each registered participant will receive a complimentary basketball, t-shirt and free admission to Bracket Town on event day for their involvement.

AT&T NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show

The NCAA national championship game head coaches will make a brief joint appearance during this National Association of Basketball Coaches awards show at the Wortham Theater Center. The coaches' segment will be scheduled early in the program and they will be free to leave after this portion of the show is complete. The NABC will coordinate transportation for the coaches through each team's primary administrator.

Monday, April 4

NCAA/NABC Championship Coaches Trophy Presentation Celebration

This trophy presentation and rally will take place at the national championship team's headquarters hotel after the team returns to its hotel following the game completion of all media obligations. It is likely that this event may be held late Monday evening or early Tuesday morning (i.e., after midnight). Admission is free.

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	HOST	REQUESTED ATTENDANCE	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Team Welcome Event	Upon Arrival	TBD	Team Hotel	Participating student-athletes and coaches are greeted by fans and members of the local community in celebration of their accomplishments	Local Organizing Committee	Members of official travel party	None
NCAA Final Four Salute Presentation <u>REQUIRED -- SEE APPENDIX 12</u>	Thursday	Salute Presentation 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reception 8 to 10 p.m.	Wortham Theater Center (Downtown Houston)	Saluting 2011 Final Four teams Reception to follow in Wortham Center Grand Foyer	NCAA	The presentation is required for coaching staff and all players; event attended by Presidents, Conference Commissioners, Athletics Directors, Head Coaches and all members of participating teams	Each institution will receive 35 complimentary tickets, which includes the coaches' and student-athletes' tickets; additional tickets are available for purchase upon request
Bracket Town refreshed by Coca-Cola Zero	Thursday-Monday	Thu. 3/31 - 5 - 10 p.m. Fri. 4/1 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sat. 4/2 - 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun. 4/3 - Noon - 8 p.m. Mon. 4/4 - Noon - 7 p.m.	George R. Brown Convention Center (Downtown Houston)	Interactive basketball event; games	NCAA	None	Ticket is needed for admission and included in the Final Four ticket booklet; each institution will receive 30 complimentary admissions
The Big Dance Concert Series	Friday-Sunday	Fri. 4/1 - 4 - 10:30 p.m. Sat. 4/2 - 11:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. Sun. 4/3 - 3 - 10:30 p.m.	Discovery Green (Downtown Houston)	Live music, food and festivities	NCAA and NCAA Corporate Champions	None	Free event

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Tip-Off Tailgate presented by Infiniti	Friday, Saturday and Monday	Fri. 4/1 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat. 4/2 – 1 - 4 p.m. Mon. 4/4 – 4:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Reliant Park	Live music, food and festivities	NCAA and Corporate Partner	None	Free event on Friday; game ticket needed for access to area on Saturday and Monday
Reese's College All-Star Game	Friday	4:30 p.m.	Reliant Stadium	College All-Stars	NABC	None	Free event
Fan Gathering Restaurants	Friday- Monday	Various	<p style="text-align: center;">West Regional Sushi Raku (Downtown), Texadelphia (Galleria), Cadillac Bar (Washington Ave.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Southwest Regional The Sam Bar@Alden (Downtown), Gigi's Asian Bistro (Galleria), Porch Swing Pub (Washington Ave.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Southeast Regional Front Porch Pub (Downtown), Maggiano's (Galleria), 360 Sports Lounge (Washington Ave.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">East Regional Christian's Tailgate Bar (Downtown), Chili's (Galleria), Sawyer Park (Washington Ave.)</p>	Downtown, Galleria and Washington Avenue Sawyer Park restaurants will adopt fans from each team during the championship	Local Organizing Committee	None	None
Powerade NCAA Youth Clinics	Saturday	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	University of Houston, Houston Baptist University, Texas Southern University, and John H. Reagan High School	Basketball clinics for youths aged 8-16	NCAA	None	Pre-registration required for participants, clinics open to public for viewing
NCAA Final Four Dribble	Sunday	11 a.m. Registration 3 p.m. Start time	Start: Houston City Hall End: Bracket Town	Youths 18 and under will dribble through downtown Houston	NCAA	None	Free event for youths under 18. Registration required. Participants will receive a free basketball, t-shirt and admission to Bracket Town

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	HOST	REQUESTED ATTENDANCE	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
AT&T NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show	Sunday	6 p.m.	Wortham Theater Center (Downtown Houston)	NCAA championship game head coaches will appear briefly on the show early in the program	NABC	Championship game head coaches	Coaches' appearance will be brief and they will be free to leave after their segment
NCAA/NABC Coaches Trophy Presentation Celebration	Monday	Postgame	National Championship Team Headquarters Hotel	Winning coach and student-athletes will be presented the NCAA/NABC coaches championship trophy in a pep rally setting for fans	NABC/NCAA	Members of official travel party, band, spirit squad and mascot	Free event

Note: All times are Central

A member of each institution's sports information staff shall participate in a 30-minute teleconference with **David Worlock** and the other three participating teams' SIDs at 1 p.m. Central time on Monday, March 28. The dial-in number is 877/239-6423 and the passcode is 480540. Each SID shall arrive in Houston in advance of the 8:30 a.m. meeting on Thursday, March 31. The sports information director is permitted to stay at the team hotel.

Media Headquarters. Media functions will be held at the Crowne Plaza Reliant Park in Houston and Reliant Stadium.

Credentials.

1. Due to the tremendous demand for media space, each participating institution is limited to five working press seats (three for the school, two for the conference it represents) and three photographer credentials for all organizations affiliated (including the athletics department) with the university whose coverage primarily is directed to the institution and its activities. Please note that only two floor spots for institutions' photographers are guaranteed. The NCAA will provide the institution's credentials to the six individuals designated by the sports information director or the director of athletics. Conference office personnel are responsible for picking up their own credentials during normal credential distribution hours.
2. Media agencies that do not meet the NCAA's circulation and viewership criteria must have staffed the participating institution's first-round, second-/third-rounds and regional games in order to receive Final Four credentials, unless approved by the NCAA. Team media lists must be sent to the NCAA by 5 p.m. Central time on Monday, March 28.

Sports Information Directors' Responsibilities. Sports information staffs' responsibilities are as follows:

1. Working with the NCAA staff to coordinate credentials and hotel needs for the school's local media;
2. Informing the NCAA and local media liaisons (Chuck Pool) regarding team travel plans, coordinating the delivery and placement of brochures, notes and statistics, serving as a liaison between the campus and the Final Four city, proofreading the speed card, etc.;
3. Coordinating NCAA news conferences with the head coach and other athletic department personnel;
4. Administering other activities that develop in Houston during the Final Four week; and

5. Assisting Turner/CBS personnel with on-campus interviews with coach and student-athletes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the team's departure to the Final Four site.

Escorts. A member of the sports information staff, along with a member of the NCAA's media coordination committee, should escort the coach and student-athletes to the interview room for all news conferences.

Obligations of the Head Coach. Refer to Appendix 13.

News Conference Schedule for Student-Athletes and Coaches. Please see Section 9.

Satellite Uplinks. Please advise local television stations that the NCAA will uplink all news conferences from the Final Four site. Satellite and transponder information will be made available to sports information directors as soon as it is available. Coordinates can also be found at www.ncaa.com.

Meeting. The sports information staff shall participate in a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, with the NCAA media coordination staff and representatives of Turner/CBS and the NCAA Radio Network at the Reliant Stadium Press Box (South Lounge).

Lodging. Please provide to **David Worlock** (dworlock@ncaa.org) the name and contact information of the sports information department representative(s) who will be in attendance in Houston. While the NCAA no longer requires anyone on the sports information department's staff to stay at the headquarters hotel, please keep in mind that the staff's availability to all media is its primary responsibility.

Statistics and Notes. The sports information director shall update their notes and statistics after the semifinal game, if they win, and distribute this data at the next scheduled news conference in which their coach and or players participate. This information shall be available for reproduction now sooner than four hours prior to the scheduled news conferences.

Quotes. The sports information director will not be responsible for gathering quotes.

Press Guides. For use in the media work room, the sports information director must forward a minimum of 200 media guides and 400 copies of game notes and statistics for arrival on Tuesday, March 29, to the attention of:

Chuck Pool (c/o Leah Mastaglio)
Reliant Stadium
1 Reliant Park
Houston, TX 77054

The sports information director may send photocopies of the media guide if originals are not available.

Team Hosts.

Each team will be assigned two individuals who will serve as team hosts.

The team hosts, one of whom you will meet at the regional transition meeting, will be available to your team from the time you win the regional game until you depart Houston.

Team hosts, who are familiar with the Houston area as well as tournament logistics, will serve as a concierge during your stay. They will be available 24 hours a day and will be able to assist your team in the following ways.

Typical team host responsibilities include (but are not limited to)*:

- Assisting with facilitating the team and/or administration in transition to Houston;
- Assisting with facilitating team and/or administration in movement from event to event (i.e., practices, required meetings, press conferences, and games);
- Coordinating off-site practice locations;
- Suggesting restaurants and making reservations at your request;
- Providing directions around the city;
- Solving transportation issues that might arise;
- Securing, through your hotel, baby-sitting services as required;
- Assisting with Salute Presentation logistics; and
- Running miscellaneous errands.

*Note: Team hosts will have a vehicle available to assist you.

Band/Spirit Squad Hosts.

The band and spirit squads from each school will be assigned one or two individuals who will serve as band/spirit squad hosts.

The band/spirit squad hosts will be available to assist the band and spirit squads from the time your team wins the regional game until they depart Houston.

Band/spirit squad hosts, who are familiar with the Houston area as well as tournament logistics, will serve as a concierge during your stay and will be available 24 hours a day.

Typical band/spirit squad host responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Assisting with facilitating band/spirit squad transition to Houston;
- Assisting with facilitating band and spirit squad movement from event to event (e.g., pep rallies, Bracket Town, games);
- Suggesting restaurants and making reservations at your request;
- Providing directions around the city;
- Solving transportation issues that might arise; and
- Running miscellaneous errands.

Team personnel traveling on the team bus will be admitted to Reliant Stadium through ACP 9/North Loading Dock. Team personnel traveling via car will be admitted to Reliant Stadium North Loading Dock. Each day of practice and competition, only those individuals on the institution's pass gate list will be admitted with government issued identification or positive identification by a full-time administrator. The pass gate list will include a maximum of 35 individuals for practices and 22 individuals for games. The pass gate list must be sent to NCAA representative Abby Nool via e-mail prior to the open practice day. Teams may revise the pass gate list each day and present the changes at the team entrance area. Only a full-time coach or administrator may make changes to the list.

Should an institution list a person normally identified as a media representative on the team pass gate list, the facility shall be open to all media once that individual enters. (Exception: Announcers from the flagship radio station of the participating team may be in attendance for its team's practice only, if included on the 35-member pass gate list.)

This pass gate list will be used for all practices and sessions at the site. Persons on the list can enter the facility any time on practice or game days if they have met the criteria provided below. Once inside the facility, participants will be issued a credential pin (for games) or wristband (for practices), which must be worn for access to courtside, media areas and other secured locations. The pin must be worn on the lapel, rather than the belt or shoes.

<p>Practice Day Admittance (Maximum of 35)</p>	<p>The 22 individuals included on the official travel party list <u>will not</u> be required to show a government issued ID <u>only</u> if that team's primary administrator or his/her designee is available at the team entrance to positively identify the 22 individuals via the media guide upon their entrance into the facility. However, the additional 13 individuals accompanying the official travel party <u>will be</u> required to show a government-issued photo ID each time they enter the facility via the pass gate list. The team uniform or practice jersey will suffice as a valid credential for the student-athletes for practice. The remaining individuals must be issued a wristband that will be valid for the length of the team's practice and media obligations only.</p>
<p>Game Day Practice Admittance (Maximum of 35)</p>	<p>The 22 individuals included on the official travel party list <u>will not</u> be required to show a government issued ID <u>only</u> if that team's primary administrator or his/her designee is available at the team entrance to positively identify the 22 individuals via the media guide upon their entrance into the facility. However, the additional 13 individuals accompanying the official travel party <u>will be</u> required to show a government-issued photo ID each time they enter the facility via the pass gate list. The team uniform or practice jersey will suffice as a valid credential for the student-athletes for practice. The remaining individuals must be issued a wristband that will be valid for the length of the team's practice and media obligations only.</p>

<p>Game Admittance (Maximum of 22)</p>	<p>The 22 individuals included on the official travel party list <u>will not</u> be required to show a government issued ID <u>only</u> if that team's primary administrator or his/her designee is available at the team entrance to positively identify the 22 individuals via the media guide upon their entrance into the facility. Once inside the gate, the student-athletes will be escorted to their locker room. Credential pins must be issued to the coaches and other remaining administrative personnel (anticipated number of 7). The credential pins must be worn at all times for admittance to the bench area, locker room, media areas and scouting seats. At the conclusion of the game, the remaining pins should be made available to the 15 student-athletes in order for them to gain access to the non-playing participant seating area.</p>
<p>Teams That Have Been Eliminated (Maximum of 22)</p>	<p>The 22 individuals included on the official travel party list <u>will not</u> be required to show a government issued ID <u>only</u> if that team's primary administrator or his/her designee is available at the team entrance to positively identify the 22 individuals via the media guide upon their entrance into the facility. Credential pins must be issued to all 22 members (including student athletes, coaches and other administrative personnel). The credential pins must be worn at all times for admittance to the non-playing participant seating area.</p>

**Credential pins shall be worn only by individuals who are on the team's 22-person pass list.
They are not transferable.**

Temporary Access Credentials. On game days, each institution will be provided nine (9) temporary-access credentials. For the national championship game, the winning team will receive twelve (12) additional temporary-access credentials. The recipients must be full-time representatives of the institution (e.g., faculty athletic representative, or other individuals designated by the institution's chief executive officer). These will not be good for gate admission, but will provide access to the locker rooms and media areas before and after the game.

As in preliminary rounds, individuals will be allowed to enter through the team check-in area, if they possess a valid game ticket and a TA credential. Entry to the building will be via the game ticket, and entry into backstage areas will be via the TA credential.

Courtside Seating. The only institutional representatives assigned seats in the media area will be the director of athletics and full-time employees of the sports information department.

Note: All times are Central

Participating Institution Ticket Details Summary. Following advancement to the Final Four, **Jason Sabatino** will contact each institution's ticket manager to discuss various issues specific to Final Four ticket procedures, answer any questions, and schedule a time to conduct daily telephone meetings. Jason will also provide a Participating Institution Ticket Details Summary document that is to be completed by the institution's ticket manager and submitted to Jason **DAILY by 10 a.m.**

Allotment. Each team will receive the same number of all-session ticket books, totaling approximately 3,250 lower level tickets. Tickets will admit the bearer to both sessions (Saturday and Monday) of the Final Four. A manifest of seats, seating diagram and special instructions will be delivered to the director of athletics (or a designated representative) after the regional final game by the Houston Local Organizing Committee transition team. The director of athletics (or a designated representative) must make contact with the **Reliant Stadium ticket office manager, David Greenbaum**, to arrange to take possession of the tickets upon arrival in Houston. Any questions should be directed to **Jason Sabatino** (317/917-6631) or **David Greenbaum** (832/667-1434).

Every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter the facility. Although this information is printed on the ticket back, each institution is advised to alert all individuals who receive tickets from the institution's allotment of this policy.

Student Section Tickets. In addition to the tickets noted above, 884 tickets will be reserved for students of each participating institution, with 442 of those tickets providing seating in special sections on the floor behind the baskets for students. The remaining 442 tickets are located in the upper level. Institutional administrators should staff the student wristband pickup location at Hall E-1 in Reliant Center no later than 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, and no later than 1:45 p.m. on Monday, April 4. Please see Section 1 (Arena Entrances -- Student Seating) and Appendix 16 for more details.

Ticket Price. Based on feedback received from past participating institutions, all tickets allocated to the participating institutions are averaged to one all-session price, \$280, which is printed on each ticket.

All-session tickets in the designated student sections are \$25 each.

Payment. Full payment for game tickets must be made payable to the NCAA via wire. For Specific wire instructions see Appendix 17.

The payment deadline for all Final Four participating institutions is **Thursday, May 19**. A financial penalty may be assessed if an institution fails to pay for its tickets subsequent to the aforementioned deadline.

Locations and Reliant Access. To assist institutions while assigning seats, these facts should be helpful to you:

1. The seat and row numbering system is as follows:
 - A. All temporary seating rows are numerical with Row 1 being closest to the court. All permanent seating rows are alphabetical with the lowest lettered row being closest to the court.
 - B. Standing on the court facing the section, seats number from left to right.

- 2. Fan seating blocks are outlined in Appendix 15.

Team Will-Call. Team will-call windows will be located at the ticket office of Exhibit Halls B, C, D, and E in the main lobby of Reliant Center. **Participating institutions are strongly encouraged to distribute the majority of their tickets in advance at their hotel.**

- 1. If an institution chooses to distribute tickets via the Reliant Center ticket office will-call windows, the institution must assign at least two representatives to staff its team’s will-call windows. Each institution is required to provide specific information to **Jason Sabatino**, via the Participating Institution Ticket Details Summary, describing where the tickets will be distributed and the hours that the tickets will be available by 10 a.m., Monday, March 28. Updates to this schedule must be provided to Jason daily via the Ticket Details Summary. Failure by an institution to adequately administer this process on both days of competition could result in the reduction of the team’s per diem.

Each institution is strongly encouraged to distribute the majority of its tickets prior to Saturday, April 2, at locations away from Reliant Stadium. The NCAA staff and stadium ticket personnel will work closely with the institutional representative to ensure the remaining tickets are distributed efficiently at the team will-call areas of Reliant Center.

- 2. If an institution chooses to distribute tickets at the will-call windows at the Reliant Stadium ticket office, it is required to have at least two representatives working the will-call windows during the entire time the institution’s windows are open. The institution’s will-call windows are available to be open at the following times (Central time):

Friday, April 1:	9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2:	9:30 a.m. through the beginning of halftime of the second Semifinal game
Sunday, April 3:	Noon - 5 p.m.
Monday, April 4:	Noon through halftime of the National Championship game

On Saturday, if the institution chooses to use will-call at the stadium, it is required to have its staff in place at Reliant Stadium by noon. On Monday, if the institution chooses to use will-call at the stadium, it is required to have its staff in place at Reliant Stadium by 4 p.m.

- 3. If an institution deems it necessary to have additional security (above the two security guards who will be provided at the NCAA’s expense) at the hotel where its representatives distribute its tickets, the institution shall arrange and pay for the security. The hotel staff will assist in arranging security.
- 4. Recipients must present photo identification to pick up tickets at the will-call window. Tickets must be picked up by the person named on the will-call envelope. No others will be allowed to receive tickets.
- 5. On Monday, March 28, ticket managers should contact **Jason Sabatino**, to review the will-call procedures and other policies for handling the team tickets and to identify the

institutional representatives who will staff the will-call window and player-guest entrances.

6. By noon on Thursday, March 31, institutions should submit their ticket distribution plan and schedule to **Jason Sabatino**.

Restrictions.

1. An institution will be required to purchase any of its unsold tickets that are not returned to **Jason Sabatino** at the NCAA headquarters at the Downtown Hyatt Regency **prior to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 30**.
2. Tickets may not be sold by one participating institution directly to another institution.
3. With the exception of appropriately credentialed individuals, no one will be permitted to leave and re-enter the facility for any reason. **Every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter the facility.**
4. It is a violation of tournament policy to sell any allocation of tickets directly in exchange for a donation or payment to the athletic department, institution or related entities (i.e., foundations, etc.).

Player-Guest Admissions. Complimentary admissions shall be provided only through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. "Hard tickets" shall not be issued. The institution shall be responsible for this administrative procedure, and the student-athlete's eligibility shall be affected by involvement in action contrary to the provisions of NCAA Bylaws 16.2.1.1.1, 16.2.1.1.2 and 16.2.2.1 (i.e., receipt of more than the permissible six complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value).

While the above concerns "complimentary admissions," it is important to remember the participating institutions must first purchase the tickets, and then treat the tickets as complimentary admissions. These tickets must come from the institution's standard ticket allotment of 3,250 tickets.

If additional tickets are offered for purchase to player-guests above and beyond any complimentary tickets provided, the purchased tickets must be picked up during normal institution will-call hours, and these ticket-holders must enter the facility via general public doors.

Each institution shall administer its own player-guest entrance, which will be located at the Gate A satellite ticket office of Reliant Stadium. Wristbands will be provided to the institution for all player-guests, to be distributed in advance, which will allow access to the "Tailgate Tip-Off." Failure by an institution to adequately administer this process on both days of competition could result in the reduction of the team's per diem. One person designated by each institution will receive a credential to allow admission into the building prior to the opening of the stadium gates. This person, plus any assistant who may enter later, is responsible for operating the player-guest entrance. By 10 a.m. Central time, Monday, March 28, each institution is **required** to provide to **Jason Sabatino**, via the Participating Institution Ticket Details Summary, the name and contact information of the person who will administer this process for the institution. Any changes must be provided to **Jason Sabatino** daily via the Ticket Details Summary.

The complimentary admission process shall be handled as follows:

1. The designated administrator from each institution must be in position by 12 noon Saturday, April 2, and 4 p.m. Monday, April 4.
2. Each institution shall be responsible for verifying all names submitted on the pass list.
3. Institutional representatives must ask student-athletes to identify relationships (e.g., father, mother, spouse, cousin, fellow student, etc.).
4. After producing identification, the individuals whose names are on the pass list shall be admitted.
5. **Single-session ticket stubs will be distributed to the admitted individuals.** The remaining portion of the ticket will be retained by the school's designated administrator.
6. Individuals must repeat this process Monday to receive Championship-game tickets.

Responsibility. Participating institutions are expected to have institutional personnel on hand to handle the school's student-seating wristband pickup, player-guest entrance and will-call windows for the semifinal games on Saturday. This expectation is the same for Monday, regardless of whether the institution's team wins its game on Saturday or not.

Bands, Spirit Squads and Mascot. Bands (29 members, plus one director), spirit squads (12 members, plus one coach) and one mascot are not required to have a ticket; they will be admitted via the pass gate list furnished by the participating institutions. The spirit squad coach and band director will each be issued a credential. Bands, spirit squads and mascots should enter Reliant Stadium through the North Loading Dock, Access Control Point 9. All individuals on the pass gate list must provide a government issued photo ID in order to gain admittance into the facility.

Prospective Student-Athletes. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospects for an NCAA championship constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited under the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 13.6.7.2.3. The prospect may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as other members of the general public.

Policy for Guests with Disabilities. Each institution has been assigned a limited number of wheelchair accessible seating.

Tickets for these seats have been included, and designated as such, in each institution's total allotment of tickets. Institutions are responsible for assigning and controlling their own wheelchair accessible seating. Due to the limited number of these seats, institutions are encouraged to use a 1-patron, 1-companion rule.

If an institution's need for accessible seating exceeds what is available in their allocation, contact **Jason Sabatino** immediately. There is a limited number of wheelchair accessible seating available at Reliant Stadium. Any additional available wheelchair accessible tickets would be traded 1:1 for regular seating tickets of a comparable location.

Those individuals requiring disabled seating or access may enter Reliant Stadium at any gate.

Lost Ticket Policy. Only the rightful owner, upon confirmation, will be allowed to have lost tickets replaced. A nonrefundable \$10 service charge per seat will be assessed by the Reliant Stadium Ticket Office upon issuing replacement tickets. If an original ticket is used to enter the building, the person holding the lost ticket pass will be escorted out of the building, and the person holding the original ticket will be permitted to stay, even if the person holding the lost ticket pass was the original owner of the ticket.

Stolen Ticket Policy. Only the rightful owner, upon confirmation, will be allowed to have stolen tickets replaced. There must be a police report on file with the Reliant Stadium Ticket Office in order for replacement tickets to be issued. The original tickets will be blocked from entering the building. Patrons who attempt to enter the facility with tickets that were claimed stolen will be detained by police for questioning.

Note: All times Central

Training Room Personnel.

Title	Name
Athletic Trainer	Richie Valdes, ATC/LAT
Medical Director	Leland Winston, MD
Athletic Trainers	Emily Kohut ATC/LAT Dean Miller ATC/LAT
Bench Attendants	Micheal Dean Joey Vargas Erin Sutton Kristina Villaveciencio
Locker Room Attendant	Kevin Bull
X-Ray	Curtis Howard

Training Room Location/Times.

The training room is located in the Southwest tunnel, adjacent to the locker rooms. The training room will be open the following times:

Thursday	9 a.m. – 1 hour after conclusion of the last practice
Friday	10:30 a.m. – 1 hour after the conclusion of the last practice
Saturday	7 a.m. – 1 hour after the conclusion of the last game
Sunday	1 p.m. – 1 hour after the conclusion of the last practice
Monday	1 hour prior to the first practice – 1 hour after the last practice 5 p.m. – 1 hour after the conclusion of the game

An X-ray room will be available 30 minutes before the start of the first practice until 15 minutes after the last practice. On game days, the X-ray room is available one hour prior to the first game until 30 minutes after the last game.

Training Room Provisions.

The NCAA will provide drinking cups, water coolers and bottles. No other cups, coolers or water bottles may be used. Athletic trainers who pre-mix special fluid replacements must be prepared to utilize the coolers and water bottles provided.

Games-Locker Room

- Cooler – water plus cups
- Ice
- Towels and soap
- Soda/drinks – iced down
- Hydrocollators

Games-Bench

- Cooler – water plus ice
- Cooler – ice with bags
- Towels
- Courtesy kit with assorted athletic training supplies
- Biohazard bag and sharps container

Practice-Court Set-Up

- Cooler – water plus ice
- Cooler – ice with bags
- Towels
- Courtesy kit with assorted athletic training supplies
- Biohazard bag and sharps container

Host Athletic Training Room

- Ice and ice bags
- Hydrocollator
- Ultrasound
- Electric stim
- Whirlpool
- Athletic training room supplies
- Towels
- Emergency equipment
- Biohazard supplies

Laundry Facilities.

Laundry services and/or facilities are available at Reliant Stadium for the participating teams. Please contact Kelly Riccardi 281/989-7994 to arrange for laundry service.

Notification. Immediately upon finalizing your travel plans, please e-mail confirmation of your team's arrival information via the attached **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION KEY CONTACT/TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM to Abby Nool** (adnool@ncaa.org). [Refer to Appendix 6]

Airport Arrival. Upon your arrival in Houston, your team hosts will be on hand to welcome your team. The HLOC has planned a brief welcoming ceremony at each team’s hotel. Please notify your team host if you will not be going directly to your hotel property from the airport.

The institution is not obligated to take questions at the airport or at the hotel, but should inform **David Worlock** or a member of the media coordination committee if the head coach and student-athletes will be available to the press upon their arrival in Houston. Each SID of a participating institution shall e-mail or call **David Worlock** (dworlock@ncaa.org; 317/966-0688) to inform him if the head coach and student-athletes will be available for interviews at the airport and whether the team is headed directly to its team hotel. This information will be provided to local and national media. If a coach or team is made available to any media outlet, they must be similarly made available to all media at the time and place of arrival.

Turner/CBS is permitted to film the arrival of all Final Four teams and if requested, the head coach shall grant a brief interview in advance by Turner/CBS.

Please notify your team hosts of the airline, service and airport you will be using. [Note: Short’s Travel will reserve charter flights in advance for each of the four participating teams.] Each team should call the following number for information: 866/655-9215.

Early Arrival. All teams are required to be in Houston by Thursday in sufficient time to meet their media obligations or optional practice time (if choosing to take it), whichever is earlier.

Buses.

1. **Team Bus.** The Houston Local Organizing Committee (HLOC) has reserved one 55-passenger bus for each team during the Final Four. This bus will provide all transportation for the team, including to and from Reliant Stadium and any special functions. The cost for the team bus is the responsibility of the participating institution, not the NCAA or the HLOC. **Two buses for each team that have been reserved by the HLOC will be equipped with satellite television and will be wireless Internet accessible.**

You may address questions concerning the team bus arrangements to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
George Pickard	(C) 713/410-1138	gpickard@tms-llc.com
Robert Rugg	(C) 713/553-6143	rprugg@swbell.net

2. **Police Escort Service.** The NCAA has arranged for police escort service to and from the airport, and to and from Reliant Stadium for each team bus for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday practices and games, as well as to the Thursday Salute Presentation from their hotel or Reliant Stadium. No escort service will be provided returning from the Salute event to the hotel. The cost of the escort for the aforementioned routes will be paid by the NCAA; any additional escorts are the financial

responsibility of the participating institution. Only official vehicles bearing an official parking credential for the North Loading Dock entrance may ride as part of the team bus escort.

You may address questions concerning police escort services to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
Robert Rugg	(C) 713/553-6143	rprugg@swbell.net

3. Additional Buses. The HLOC has reserved two additional buses for each participating school. Each team must notify **George Pickard**, no later than **2 p.m. (Central Time), Monday, March 28**, whether it intends to use this equipment.

The cost of these additional buses is the responsibility of the participating institution, not the NCAA or the HLOC.

Courtesy Vehicles. Each institution’s official party will be provided the opportunity to use five vehicles which will be parked at your team's designated hotel when you arrive in Houston. Your team host will distribute the keys to your courtesy car coordinator as designated on the **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION KEY CONTACT/TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM**. [Refer to Appendix 6] This individual will be responsible for these automobiles.

All courtesy cars and buses must use an official issued parking pass at all times when parking at Reliant Stadium.

Only individuals that have reached the age of 21, with a valid driver’s license and a good driving record, may drive the courtesy cars. Your cooperation in this regard is essential. Before you depart from Houston, please return all five cars to your team's headquarters hotel and leave the keys at the hotel front desk or with your team host.

Please coordinate this activity with your team host before departure.

Uniform Assignments. Teams must bring both light and dark uniforms. The higher-seeded team will wear its light uniform. If the higher-seeded team's "light" uniforms are not in a color contrasting with the lower seeded team's uniforms, the lower seeded team must adjust and wear a contrasting color.

Practice Apparel. It is mandatory that the players' jersey number be on the players' practice jerseys during all open practices.

Apparel/Item Distribution. Teams may not bring into or distribute at Reliant Stadium, during practice or competition, any commercial apparel or item that may have been provided to them by manufacturers (e.g., caps, pom poms or t-shirts with commercial identification) and such apparel may not be worn at Reliant Stadium during open or closed practices, competition, news conferences or postgame interviews.

Logos. All team uniforms, bench and team apparel must meet the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4 regarding commercial identification. The uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, t-shirts, wristbands, visors, hats, and towels) that are worn by all personnel (e.g., coaches, student-athletes, athletics trainers and managers) in competition and practices (both open and closed) may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2 ¼-square inches, including additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

During NCAA championships, it is not permissible for coaches and other bench personnel to wear lapel pins or other items attached to their clothing that identify any commercial entity (including apparel companies).

Committee representatives will notify a participating team's administrator if any member of its coaching staff, team or support groups are in violation of NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4 and ask that the apparel be removed. If the logo continues to be visible during competition, it shall be reported as an NCAA violation to the NCAA enforcement staff. If the logo continues to be visible during practice, news conferences or other championship ancillary events, it shall be submitted to the Division I Men's Basketball Committee and reviewed as a misconduct action.

Undershirts and Undergarments. NCAA Men's Basketball Rules specify that an undershirt (T-shirt) is a part of the game jersey and must be a color similar to that of the game jersey (Rule 3, Section 6, Art.1). **No logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering or numbering may be on an undershirt (Rule 3, Section 6, Art.1).** Also, the sleeves and neckline of an undershirt shall be unaltered (e.g., no cut-off sleeves or cut necklines). An undershirt that extends beyond the elbows is not in compliance with the rules. Therefore, a student-athlete must have received approval to wear an undershirt that extends beyond the elbows.

Undergarments (leg tights) shall not extend below the game pants and shall be of the same color as the game pants (Rule 3, Section 6, Art. 2). A student-athlete must have received approval to wear undergarments that extend below the game pants.

Student-athletes that have received approval from the Secretary-Rules Editor (Art Hyland) during the 2010-11 regular season to wear undergarments and/or an undershirt will be permitted to wear those items during the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. For any student-athlete wearing undergarments that extend below the game pants or an undershirt that extends beyond the elbows that have not received prior approval, the participating institution's medical representative shall call or e-

mail the designated individual on the NCAA rules staff, Ty Halpin, (thalpin@ncaa.org; 317/917-6136 or 317/966-6784) to request approval from the Secretary-Rules Editor. If Mr. Halpin cannot be reached, then the call or e-mail should be made to the Secretary-Rules Editor, Art Hyland (art.hyland@comcast.net; 774/487-0640). If neither can be reached, the NCAA basketball staff and committee member(s) assigned to the site shall speak to the medical representative. Requests to wear undergarments or an undershirt will be approved if the medical representative demonstrates they are being worn for a medical, religious or other reason that is determined to be valid and acceptable by the Secretary-Rules Editor.

Arm, Knee or Lower Leg Sleeve. NCAA Men's Basketball Rules specify that the use of an arm sleeve, knee sleeve and lower leg sleeve is permissible for medical reasons but its utilization shall be verified by either the student-athlete's coach or team's medical personnel (Rule 3, Section 9, Art. 9). If a game official questions a student-athlete's use of an arm sleeve, knee sleeve or lower leg sleeve, its use shall be approved if the participating institution's coach or medical personnel provides the game official a "verbal" indication that the use of the sleeve is for a medical reason.

NCAA Men's Basketball Rules specify that a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal logo, label or trademark, not to exceed 2.25 square inches, may be worn on an arm, knee or lower leg sleeve or full-length leg tights (Rule 3, Section 8, Arts. 2 and 3).

Any student-athlete that is in violation of the aforementioned rules will not be allowed to participate in a contest until he is in compliance.

NCAA Patches. The Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet requires that teams place the NCAA Final Four patch on their uniforms for the Final Four.

The NCAA Final Four patch will be provided for placement on the student-athletes' uniform as a special way to distinguish your student-athletes as participants in the Final Four. Each team that has advanced to the Final Four will be given thirty-five (35) NCAA Final Four patches at the pre-semifinal meeting.

The patch should be placed within the area of the game jersey between the base of the front neckline and the shoulder seam of the jersey. Additionally, the patch should be placed on the left side of the jersey unless an institutional logo precludes this placement. [Refer to Appendix 14]

Team Benches/Tickets. The bench assignments for the semifinals are based on team ticket block locations. [Refer to Appendix 15]

For the championship game, each team will remain either in front of or across from its ticket allotment if possible. The higher-seeded team will have its choice of team bench and band seating assignments if each team's allotment is at the same end of the court. If the teams have the same seed, a coin toss during the pre-championship meeting will determine which team will have its choice.

The teams will warm up opposite their respective benches prior to the start of each game. Each team is permitted to have a maximum of 17 chairs in its bench area. No other chairs may be positioned on or near the benches. Individuals wishing to sit in this restricted area must wear a credential pin or team uniform.

Team Security. Participating teams may have personal security. These individuals must be on their team's pass lists and be provided a credential pin (for bench seating during games), or be provided a credential from the participating team allotment for admission into the facility with their teams. Please note that TA credentials are not good for gate admission. Those bearing a TA credential must also have a valid game ticket for admission. All other credentials allow building access. If team security personnel wish to be seated in the venue's general seating area, they must be provided a ticket from the team ticket allotment and enter the facility through the general public doors. Team security personnel are required to comply with the venue's policies regarding firearms. The facility manager will notify each security detail of the policies prior to their arrival at the stadium.

Locker Rooms. The locker room assignments will be made according to pairings and seeding. The participating institutions will be notified of these assignments prior to their practice on Friday, April 1 at Reliant Stadium.

Team Videographer. The participating teams are permitted to video their games from a photo box seat designated by the NCAA. Each participating institution receives one credential that will be issued to a person who will film the game from this area. This person will also receive an armband that must be worn at all times. Videographers from an institution playing in the first game of the national semifinals must leave the floor with their team at the conclusion of the game. Videographers from institutions playing in the second national semifinal game may not have court access until their team takes the floor for pregame warm-ups. At the conclusion of the national championship game, the winning team's videographer will have access to the court at the same level as print photographers (i.e., they must stay behind a secured area designated by the NCAA).

Scout Video Coordinator. Unlike at preliminary round games, a scout video coordinator is not permitted to film the game from an upper video position. However, Hammond Communications will film the game from the upper video position and will provide a DVD to each participating institution immediately after each game. Teams that win the semifinal games will be provided tapes of both semifinal games. Teams may videotape all games at the site via Turner/CBS feeds in the media distribution area. Teams may also obtain a DVD copy of the Turner/CBS telecast of the game(s) in which it participates from Hammond Communications.

Noncommercial Usage. Any footage of any game of the championship may freely be used for an institution's noncommercial purposes (not including television broadcast or cablecast) only with the advance written consent of the NCAA. No footage of the championship may be reproduced or distributed for any purpose without the written permission of the NCAA.

Attractions

Downtown/Midtown

Art Car Museum

140 Heights Blvd.

www.artcarmuseum.com

713-861-5526

Admission: free

Open: Wednesday to Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Art Car Museum is a private institution dedicated to contemporary art with an emphasis on art cars, other fine arts, and artists who are rarely, if ever, acknowledged by other cultural institutions. The Art Car Museum opened in February 1998. It was founded by artist Ann Harithas, a long-time supporter of the art car movement, and James Harithas, former director of the Corcoran Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston.

The Menil Collection

1515 Sul Ross

www.menil.org

713-525-9400

Admission: free

Open: Wednesday to Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

One of the most significant of the twentieth century, the collection consists of nearly 15,000 works dating from the Paleolithic era to the present day. Within the four areas that largely define the collection—Antiquity, Byzantine and Medieval, Tribal, and Twentieth-Century Art (with a concentration in Surrealism)—one finds a selective approach to acquisition that yields depth with regard to particular areas and artists.

The Rothko Chapel- Downtown

1409 Sul Ross St.

www.rothkochapel.org

713-524-9839

Admission: free

Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

The Rothko Chapel functions as chapel, a museum and a forum. It is a place where religion, art and architecture intermingle. Mark Rothko, one of the most influential American artists of the mid-century was commissioned by the de Menils and given the opportunity to shape and control a total environment to encompass a group of fourteen paintings he especially created for this meditative space.

Museum District/Central Houston

The Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston

5216 Montrose Blvd.

www.camh.org

713-284-8250

Admission: free

Open: Wednesday and Friday, 11:00 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is an idea and a place shaped by the present moment. The Museum exemplifies the dynamic relationship between contemporary art and contemporary society through its exhibitions, public and educational programs, and publications. The CAMH provides the physical and intellectual framework essential to the presentation, interpretation, and advancement of contemporary art; it is a vibrant forum for artists and all audiences, and for critical, scholarly, and public discourse.

Children's Museum of Houston

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www.cmhouston.org

713-522-1138

Admission: adults and children, \$8; seniors (65+) \$7

Open: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., 5 - 8 p.m. (free admission at this time)

The Children's Museum of Houston is all-new and now twice as big! Rated a 5-star nationwide children's museum by Citysearch.com, voted "Ultimate Kid-Friendly Attraction" in a Houston Chronicle readers poll, and tied for nation's best children's museums No. 1 spot in Child magazine, the Children's Museum is A Playground for Your Mind™. The Museum is packed with 90,000 square feet of innovative, interactive bilingual exhibits for kids, ages birth to 12 years, housed in a whimsical Robert Venturi-designed building.

The Health Museum 1515 Hermann Drive

www.thehealthmuseum.org

713-521-1515

Admission: children (3-12) and seniors (65+), \$6; adults, \$8; members, free

Open: Tuesday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science, also known as The Health Museum, is Houston's most interactive science learning center and a member institution of the world-renowned Texas Medical Center. Located in the heart of the city's rich and varied Museum District, The Health Museum encourages growing interest and regard for healthier lifestyles, fitness and good physical, mental and spiritual health.

Holocaust Museum Houston 5401 Caroline

www.hmh.org

713-942-8000

Admission: free

Open: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Charged with educating students and the public about the dangers of prejudice and hatred in society, The Holocaust Museum Houston is dedicated to remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims of the Holocaust and honoring the legacy of the survivors. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, they teach the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy.

Houston Museum of Natural Science One Herman Drive Circle

www.hmns.org

713-639-4629

Admission: adults, \$15; children (3-11), \$10; seniors, (62+), \$10; members, free

Open: Monday and Wednesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science, one of the most heavily attended museums in the U.S., features the Wortham IMAX Theatre, Burke Baker Planetarium, Cockrell Butterfly Center, permanent exhibit halls and traveling exhibitions.

Houston Zoo

1513 North MacGregor

www.houstonzoo.org

713-533-6500

Admission: children (0-1), free; children (2-11), \$7; adults, \$11; seniors (65+), \$6

Open: everyday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Set in a 55-acre lush tropical landscape, the Houston Zoo is home to more than 4,500 exotic animals representing more than 800 species. The Houston Zoo was named one of the top 10 zoos in the U.S. by *Parents* magazine in 2009.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

1001 Bissonnet Street

www.mfa.org

713-639-7300

Admission: adults, \$7.00; children (ages 6-18) and seniors (65+), \$3.50; free on Thursdays; group rates available; members free

Open: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Located in the heart of Texas's largest city, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is a dynamic cultural complex consisting of two museum buildings, two art schools, two decorative arts centers, and a sculpture garden. With its encyclopedic collection and an exciting schedule of international loan exhibitions and award-winning programs, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is one of the premier destinations in the United States for art lovers.

Space Center Houston (located 30 -40 minutes from downtown Houston)

1601 NASA Parkway

www.spacecenter.org

281-244-2100

Space Center Houston, the official visitors' center for NASA's Johnson Space Center, is the only place on earth where guests can embark on an out-of-this-world journey through human adventures in space. Space Center Houston features a multitude of permanent exhibits, attractions and theaters. In addition, the venue presents an array of traveling exhibits and events created exclusively by Space Center Houston's creative exhibit team.

Historical Homes

Downtown/Midtown

The Heritage Society

1100 Bagby

www.heritagesociety.org

713-655-1912

Admission: museum gallery free, house tours: Children (18 and under), free; adults, \$10; seniors (65+), \$8

Open: Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Heritage Society, a museum complex at Sam Houston Park, collects, preserves, exhibits, and celebrates the diverse history of the Houston region. Nestled in ten acres of beautiful green parkland in the heart of downtown Houston, Texas, The Heritage Society operates nine historic structures that date from 1823 to 1905. The Heritage Society exists not just to educate visitors about Houston's interesting history but also to celebrate the diversity of the people who came together to build this world-class city.

Washington Corridor Area

Bayou Bend

1 Westcott Street

www.mfah.org/bayoubend

713-639-7750

Admission: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8.50; youths (11-18), \$5

Open: Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-2:45 p.m.; Saturday 10 p.m.-11:15 p.m.

Ima Hogg was the daughter of Gov. Jim Hogg, a man who obviously had a cruel sense of humor. Miss Hogg, however, did not grow up shy and self-effacing. She was a power to be reckoned with in local affairs and did much to keep the chicanery in city hall to a minimum. Her mansion, Bayou Bend, was built in the 1920s by Houston's most prominent architect, John F. Staub. It holds in its 28 rooms a treasure-trove of American furniture, paintings, and decorative objects dating from Colonial times to about 1870, and is set amid 14 acres of beautifully tended gardens in a variety of styles.

Rienzi Mansion

1406 Kirby Dr.

www.mfah.org/rienzi

713-639-7800

Admission: adults, \$6; students and seniors, \$4

Open: docent led tours, Wednesday - Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Those who appreciate the European decorative arts will eventually find their way to this mansion in the River Oaks district. Surrounded by beautiful gardens and tall trees on five acres, the mansion is elegantly furnished in the Italian, English and Roman styles. Admittance is by reservation only. Call to schedule a guided, peaceful tour through a contemporary palace.

Downtown/Midtown**Alley Theater**

615 Texas Avenue

713-228-9341

www.alleytheatre.org

The Alley was founded more than sixty years ago as Houston's theatre company. It exists to provide audiences with the highest quality theatre, offering a wide variety of work including new plays, classics, the re-discovered and the rarely-performed, and new musical theatre, with an emphasis on new American works – to provide the inspirational and the provocative – to make our audiences think, feel, dream and be entertained.

The Hobby Center

800 Bagby St., Suite 300

<http://www.thehobbycenter.org>

713-315-2428

The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is a state-of-the-art, \$100 million theater complex anchoring Houston's Theater District. Designed by American architect Robert Stern, the Hobby Center features two distinguished theaters; Faye Sarofim Hall, a 2,650 seat theatre, home to Theatre Under the Stars and Broadway in Houston, and Selim K. Zilkha Hall, a 500 seat proscenium theater known nationwide for its warm acoustic and home to the Uniquely Houston® Series.

Wortham Center

501 Texas

www.worthamcenter.org

713-237-1439

Wortham Theater Center, home to Houston Ballet and Houston Grand Opera, features two theaters and more than 3,500 seats. Since its opening in 1987, Wortham has entertained audiences totaling more than 5 million people. It has also served as the backdrop for hundreds of galas, corporate and group events, further underscoring its role as a community center as well as a performing arts venue.

Museum District/Central Houston**Miller Outdoor Theatre**

100 Concert Drive, Hermann Park

www.milleroutdoortheatre.com

281-FREE-FUN

Miller Outdoor Theatre is Houston's premier outdoor theater for the performing arts. Free performances run March through October. Miller Outdoor Theatre offers the most diverse professional entertainment of any Houston performance venue, including classical music, jazz, ethnic music and dance, ballet, Shakespeare, musical theater, classic films and much more. Relax in the covered seating area or enjoy a pre-performance picnic on the hillside.

Buffalo Bayou (Runs throughout the city of Houston)

Buffalo Bayou officially starts just west of Katy, Texas about 35-miles from downtown Houston where a few intermittent streams empty into the bayou. After passing the Barker Reservoir near Beltway 8, the bayou runs through the 500-acre Terry Hershey Park and through the Memorial area to the Houston Arboretum and Memorial Park, and the River Oaks area. See downtown from a whole new angle! Buffalo Bayou is perfect for canoeing and kayaking. Whether your destination is Sesquicentennial Park or Allen's Landing, the bayou wharfs make take out very easy.

Downtown/Midtown**Discovery Green**

1500 McKinney

www.discoverygreen.com

713-400-7336

Discovery Green, a 12-acre park located in downtown Houston, officially opened to the public on April 13, 2008. With its proximity to the George R. Brown Convention Center, Minute Maid Park, and Toyota Center, Discovery Green is an ideal location for the city's newest attraction. Emulating the model of great urban parks around the country, Discovery Green is designed as an engaging and active place with programming to serve all ages and backgrounds, as well as workers, residents, and visitors alike.

Museum District/Central Houston**Hermann Park**

6201 A Golf Course Drive

www.hermannpark.org

713-524-5876

Hermann Park has a bountiful assortment of entertainment: a golf course, an outdoor theater, a jogging track, a beautiful rose garden, picnic spaces, a butterfly exhibit, and even a museum! Over the years, the Houston Zoo, Miller Outdoor Theatre, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Japanese Garden, Rose Garden and one of the first desegregated public golf courses in the United States all have added to the Park's importance as a recreational destination.

Uptown/Galleria Area**The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center**

4501 Woodway Drive

www.houstonarboretum.org

713-681-8433

Located on the western edge of Memorial Park (4 miles from Downtown Houston), the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center offers an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and the opportunity to experience the natural world. Visitors can walk the five miles of trails free of charge. The Nature Center building includes the Discovery Room with interactive exhibits and activities and the Nature Shop filled with items for nature lovers of all ages. A Wildlife Garden and the Carol Tatkon Sensory Garden are the latest additions to the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center's ever-changing landscape.

Williams Water Wall 2800 Post Oak Blvd

713-850-8841

Houston's most photographed site, this dramatic 64-foot U-shaped fountain has water rushing down its inside and outside walls. Designed and created in 1985, the Water Wall pumps 78,500 gallons of recycled water every three hours and 20 minutes. More than 180 live oaks shade the three-acre area that plays host to families and couples out for a stroll, picnic, or even a game of Frisbee.

Herman Park Golf Course

713-526-0077

2155 S MacGregor Way

Houston, Texas 77021

www.hermannparkgc.com

The Hermann Park Golf Course is located on 407 acres of Houston's loveliest gardens, parks, and public spaces. Hermann Park offers a superior golf experience and so much more. Adjacent to the course are Houston's world renowned Texas Medical Center and the historic Museum District.

Houstonian Golf and Country Club

281-494-4244

12600 Houstonian Drive

Richmond, TX 77469 www.houstoniangolf.com

Conceived by internationally acclaimed golf course architect, Rees Jones, The Houstonian Golf & Country Club offers more than 7,100 yards of pristine play, with five sets of tees to accommodate all skill levels. The course is uniquely free of any housing developments, affording the freedom to focus on the game of golf as it was meant to be.

Houston National Golf Club

281-304-1400

16500 Houston National Blvd

Houston TX, 77095

www.houstonnationalgolf.com

Houston National Golf Club features 27 championship holes designed by Von Hagge, Smelek & Baril, playable in three 18-hole combinations. Located in northwest Houston, Houston National Golf Club is a family-oriented facility with something for everyone.

Memorial Park Golf Course

713-862-4033

1001 E Memorial Loop

Houston, TX 77007 www.houstontx.gov/municipalgolf/memorial/

The 18-hole "Memorial Park" course at the Memorial Park Golf Course facility in Houston, Texas features 7,164 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 73.0 and it has a slope rating of 122. Designed by John Bredemus, the Memorial Park golf course opened in 1936.

Redstone Golf Club

281-459-7800

5860 Wilson Rd

Humble, TX 77396 www.redstonegolfclub.com

Redstone Golf Club opened in 2003 with an 18-hole Member Course designed by the renowned Jim Hardy and Peter Jacobson. Since 2003, Redstone Golf Club has hosted the PGA TOUR's Shell Houston Open with three great years on the Member Course and the past four years on a newly crafted Tournament Course.

Wildcat Golf Club

713-413-3400

12000 Almeda

Houston TX, 77045

www.wildcatgolfclub.com

Wildcat is Houston golf with a touch of the Hill Country...even a touch of Colorado's Rocky Mountain foothills, according to the Houston Chronicle's Eddie Sefko. Enjoy championship golf with sweeping views of Houston's skyline and 80 acres of lakes, all within one mile of Reliant Stadium.

Wortham Park Golf Course

713-928-4260

7000 Capitol

Houston TX, 77011

www.houstontx.gov/municipalgolf/wortham/index.html

The course is situated along Brays Bayou in the south central area of Houston. It is relatively wide open, making it attractive for all levels of golfers. The front nine features three consecutive par five holes, two of which you may want to go for in two. Your shot-making skills will be tested on several of the "short but challenging" par fours. Playing to as much as 6400 yards, Gus Wortham is a fun course located only minutes from downtown.

Shopping

Downtown/Midtown

Books-A-Million

1201 Main Street

713-353-5496

www.booksamillion.com

Books-A-Million, originally founded in 1917, is the third largest book retailer in the nation. Another first for Houston Pavilions, the Books-A-Million Superstore is the first two-story urban concept store for the company. It showcases its extensive selection of books, bargain books, magazines, gifts and cards in an industrial-designed space. This location also features a Joe Muggs Cafe, a coffee and espresso bar and deli.

Houston Pavilions

1201 Fannin St.

832-320-1200

www.houstonpavilions.com

Houston Pavilions, downtown's new mixed-use development with dining, entertainment, retail and office space, opened October 16, 2008, with an exciting line-up of big-name venues. The pedestrian and dog-friendly, open-air retail entertainment center is home to XXI Forever, BCBGMAXAZRIA, Books-A-Million and Clique Salon.

Houston Visitor's Center

901 Bagby

713-437-5200

www.visithoustontexas.com

The Houston Visitors Center is the perfect starting point for anyone (visiting or living) in Houston. The center represents everything that Houston has to offer. Discover information on history, cultural arts, attractions, restaurants, retail, and education, plus plenty of Houston merchandise.

Macy's

1100 Main St.

713-405-7035

Conveniently located at 1110 Main Street, Macy's Downtown is easy to get to and right off the Main Street Metro rail stop.

River Oaks Shopping Center

1964 W. Gray

www.riveroaksshoppingcenter.com

River Oaks Shopping Center, one of the oldest in Texas, offers top-notch shopping in Houston's most fashionable neighborhood. With a snazzy "modern" design evocative of when the center was built in the 1930s, the mix of stores in the pedestrian center makes for a perfect day of leisurely window-shopping. National names like Gap and Ann Taylor sit alongside locally-owned, luxury boutiques like 310 Rosemont, Events and La Mode.

The Shops at the Houston Center

1200 McKinney

713-759-1442

www.shopsathc.com

Located adjacent the Four Seasons Hotel and across from the George R. Brown Convention Center, this convenient mall features more than 70 stores. Four restaurants and a food court are also part of this 200,000-square-foot retail center. Retailers like JoS. A. Bank, Worth the Weight and Waldenbooks provide excellent shopping opportunities.

Galleria/Uptown**Uptown Park**

Post Oak Blvd. at Loop 610

713-850-1400

www.uptownparkhouston.com

This European-style shopping village caters to a sophisticated clientele, all the while maintaining its old-world charm. Catering to life's indulgences, the center is lined with shops, boutiques, and cafés that create an intimate atmosphere with an emphasis on charm. Luxe linens can be found at the Longoria Collection; ; stellar cuff links at Bill Walker Clothier; and the little ones never had it so good in clothing from Haute Baby. Other shopping includes Francesca's Collections, Loft, Crave Cupcakes, Top Drawer ,BB1 Classics and Paul Carter Jewels.

Houston Galleria

5085 Westheimer Rd.

713-622-0663

www.galleriahouston.com

With its stunning architecture, exceptional store mix and distinctive style of entertainment, The Galleria has established itself as the #1 shopping and tourist destination in Houston with over 24 million annual visitors. The Galleria features more than 375 fine stores and restaurants, an ice rink and two Westin hotels. This world-class shopping complex showcases the best names in retailing including Neiman Marcus, Cartier, Gucci, two Macy's stores, Tiffany & Co., Saks Fifth Avenue, Ralph Lauren Collection, Louis Vuitton and Nordstrom.

Highland Village

4055 Westheimer Rd.

713-850-3100

www.shophighlandvillage.com

This upscale shopping center located near The Galleria features prestigious nationally known retailers, exclusive specialty stores, and fine restaurants. Highland Village was built nearly 50 years ago to serve the surrounding exclusive neighborhoods. Lined with palm trees, the stucco-clad center houses some of the most recognizable names in retail including Crate & Barrel, Williams-Sonoma, Banana Republic, Pottery Barn, Gap, Restoration Hardware, Fitigues, Cole Haan, Chico's, Lucy, Lucky Brand Dungarees, and Victoria's Secret, along with exclusive specialty stores like Tootsies and Michael Kemper Salon & Day Spa.

Reliant Park Area**The Rice Village**

6100 Kirby Dr.

www.ricevillageonline.com

Rice Village, near Rice University, is an eclectic mix of national brand names and unique, one-of-a-kind boutiques. With more than 300 shops in the immediate 16-block area, Rice Village is known for its small and eclectic shops and boutiques. Recent expansion in the area has also brought in high-end clothing stores and the nation-wide retail venues such as The Gap, Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, and Express. It's the unique boutiques like Z. Bead, White Buffalo, Hemline, and Lot 8 that grant the Village its personality.

Spas and Salons

Downtown/Midtown

Clique Salon

1201 Fannin St., Ste. 137
<http://cliquesalon.com/>
832-333-9000

The inner-loop's second Clique Salon location joined downtown's Houston Pavilion tenant line-up in spring 2009. The hip, environmentally friendly biz offers clients a range of cut and coloring services for men, women and children using natural, non-aerosol products. Set on the ground level of the Pavilion's development—near McCormick and Schmick's—the environment provides clients with a well-balanced mix of urban sophistication and laid-back style.

Revivance Salon

1200 Louisian St
<http://revivancehairsalon.com/index.html>
713-655-8646

Located adjacent to the Hyatt Regency, this full-service salon offers a complete range of hair and nail treatments designed to pamper and relax. Treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure, or add a glamorous touch to a special evening with a new hairdo.

Skyline Spa and Health Club

1600 Lamar St
713-577-6125

Hilton Americas-Houston's hotel spa and fitness center features massage, body and skin treatments, manicures, pedicures, and complete salon services. In addition to the full-service salon, guests of the Skyline Spa & Health Club also have access to the hotel's 75-foot rooftop lap pool, a dry steam/sauna area, and cardio and weight training equipment.

Galleria/Uptown

Bella Rinova Spa and Salon

1111-02 Uptown Park Blvd.
www.bellarinova.com/uptown/uptown.html
713-554-5444

Bella Rinova (Beautiful Renewal) Salon and Day Spa is reminiscent of the finest Italian salon. Bella Rinova has combined the best of European tradition with the advantage of today's health and beauty sciences. Bella Rinova is home to top, internationally trained hair designers, stylist-specialized in custom hair styling, coloring, and color correction. Check the website for information on two other locations.

Persona Medical Spa

2311 West Alabama
www.personamedicalspa.com/
713-630-0772

This full-service spa offers facials, massage, and body treatments plus laser procedures, Botox, microdermabrasion, and non-surgical face-lifts. By combining traditional spa services with age-defying medical treatments, Persona Day Spa pampers and indulges their clients with luxury and attention while delivering life enhancing medical aesthetics.

Reliant Park Area**Beautique Beauty Salon**

2507 Times Blvd
www.beautique.cc/
713-526-1126

This Rice Village spa shines as brightly as it did when it opened more than 45 years ago. The Decleor Spa Pure, a favorite of regulars, is masterfully performed. Treatments include massage, body treatments, wet treatments, facials, medi-spa treatments, hair removal, manicure/pedicure, full-service salon, and makeup application.

Washington Corridor Area**Bliss Nail Spa**

701 Shepherd #100
www.bliss-nailspa.com
713-864-8787

Bliss is Houston's first nail bar, offering an ultra-hip environment that exudes a stylish and modern ambiance. With an ambiance inspired by the famed layered Neapolitan ice cream, Bliss Nail Spa permeates comfort couture with chocolate, pale pink, powder blue and cream colors in a 2,200 square-foot palate of luxury. Choose from our Drink Bar offering everything from coffee to cosmos, while indulging in our array of service and slip into absolute bliss.

Transportation

Downtown

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
500 Clay St.
713-652-0738

Christ Church Cathedral
1117 Texas St.
713-222-2593

Co Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1701 San Jacinto St
713-337-3535

First Methodist Houston
1320 Main St.
(832) 668-1800

First Presbyterian Church Houston
5300 Main St.
713-620-6500

Reliant Park Area

Congregation Beth Yeshurun
4525 Beechnut
713-666-1881

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
3816 Bellaire Blvd.
713-665-3466

St. Vincent's Catholic Church
6802 Buffalo Speedway
713-666-2345

Galleria/Uptown Park Area

First Baptist Church
7401 Katy Freeway
713-681-8000

Second Baptist Church
6400 Woodway Drive
713-465-3408

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
717 Sage Rd.
713-621-3040

St. Michael's Catholic Church
1801 Sage Rd.
713-621-4370

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
4807 San Felipe
713-622-4807

Central Houston

Christ the King Lutheran Church
2353 Rice Blvd.
713-523-2864

Congregation Emanuel
1500 Sunset Blvd.
713-529-5771

Lakewood Church
3700 Southwest Freeway
713-635-4154

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
3323 Bissonnet St.
713-668-5121

St. George Orthodox Church
5311 Mercer St.
713-665-5252

West University Church of Christ
3407 Bissonnet St.
713-666-3535

METRO Bus

713-635-4000

<http://www.ridemetro.org/Services/Bus.aspx>

With an extensive network of routes and convenient Park & Ride facilities helping to ease rush-hour commuters, METRO's Bus System keeps the Houston region moving. METRO is paving the way for a cleaner Houston with 34 transit diesel-hybrid buses currently in operation and plans to add 52 commuter buses, as well as 48 additional transit buses and 10 Signature Service buses which will be placed in service this year.

To plan your trip, visit: <http://tripplanner.ridemetro.org/>

METRORail

713-635-4000

<http://www.ridemetro.org/Services/Rail.aspx>

Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday, 4:30 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.; Friday, 4:30 a.m. to 2:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5:30 a.m. to 2:15 a.m.; and Sunday, 5:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.

The 7.5-mile METRORail Main Street rail line features 16 stations offering access to Downtown, Midtown, the Museum District, Hermann Park / Houston Zoo, the Texas Medical Center and the Reliant Park complex. Parking is available at the Fannin South Park & Ride, adjacent to the Fannin South Rail Station, as well as various points along the rail line. The METRORail is a great way to get from Downtown to Reliant Park, both of which are high-activity zones during the weekend of the Final Four®.

METROLift

713-225-0119

<http://www.ridemetro.org/Services/Lift.aspx>

METROLift provides pre-scheduled, curb-to-curb transportation for persons with disabilities who cannot ride fixed-route bus service. Call 713-225-0119 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to obtain eligibility materials. One-way tickets cost \$1.15 and can be purchased at all METRO RideStore and METRO Stops.

Eligible riders should call 713-225-6716 one day in advance to schedule a ride. Trips are scheduled on a first-call, first-scheduled basis between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Enterprise is the official rental car agency for the Men's Final Four.

Enterprise Car Rental Reservations (open 24 hours): 1-800-261-7331

En Español: 1-877-416-0000

For users of TTY devices: 1-866-534-9270

www.enterprise.com.

Taxi Service

Liberty Cab Houston: 713-695-6700

<http://www.libertycab.net/>

Lonestar Cab Co. Houston: 713-794-0000

Yellow Cab Houston: 713-236-1111

<http://www.yellowcabhouston.com/index.html>

United Cab Houston: 713-699-0000
<http://www.unitedcab.com/Town Car Service>
Houston Area Town Car: 281-602-9334
<http://www.houstonareatowncar.com/>

Towncar Connection: 713-973-6292
<http://www.towncarconnection.com/>

Trolley Service

The trolley service provides extended weekend transportation to connect major downtown hotels to the rail line, Discovery Green and GRBCC.

Schedule

Friday 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Monday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

FINAL FOUR® FAN GATHERING RESTAURANTS

With thousands of out-of-town fans coming to Houston to root on their school to a national championship, suitcases won't be the only thing these visitors will be bringing. Appetites of hungry fans will need to be satisfied, and what better place than Houston for a variety of different dining options. Much like the demarcated fan sections during the games, select Houston-area restaurants at the four Hospitality Zone areas (Downtown/Midtown, Galleria, Washington Avenue, Reliant Stadium) will be deemed the fan-gathering restaurant for one of the participating Final Four teams. Fans of each team are encouraged to gather to watch the game and grab a bite.

DOWNTOWN/MIDTOWN RESTAURANTS

East Regional: Christian's Tailgate Bar & Grill
2000 Bagby
713/527-0261
www.christiantailgate.com

West Regional: Sushi Raku
3201 Louisiana
713/526-8885
www.sushi-raku.com

Southeast Regional: Front Porch Pub
217 Gray
713/571-9571
www.frontporchpub.com

Southwest Regional:
The Sam Bar & *17 Restaurant at the Alden Hotel
1117 Prairie
832/200-8888
www.17food.com

GALLERIA RESTAURANTS

East Regional: Chili's Galleria
5015 Westheimer Road
713/622-7924
www.chilis.com

West Regional: Texadelphia
6025 Westheimer Road
713/785-6700
www.texadelphia.com

Southeast Regional: Maggiano's Little Italy
2019 Post Oak Boulevard
713/961-2700, www.maggianos.com

Southwest Regional: Gigi's Asian Bistro & Dumpling Bar
5085 Westheimer Road
713/629-8889
www.gigiasianbistro.com

WASHINGTON AVENUE RESTAURANTS

East Regional: Sawyer Park
2412 Washington Avenue
713/398-8442
www.sawyerparkhouston.com

West Regional: Cadillac Bar
1802 Shepherd
713/862-2020
www.cadillacbar.com

Southeast Regional: 360 Sports Lounge
4601 Washington Avenue
713/677-0398
www.360sportslounge.com

Southwest Regional: Porch Swing Pub
69 Heights Boulevard
713/880-8700
www.porchswingpub.com

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PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

With so many great restaurants to choose from in Houston, it is hard to make a dining decision. Here are the 2011 NCAA Men's Final Four Participating Restaurants to help you narrow down your options. These restaurants are sure to give you an exceptional dining experience and are looking forward to showing you some Texas hospitality!

DOWNTOWN/MIDTOWN

AQUARIUM DOWNTOWN

410 Bagby

713/223-3474

www.aquariumrestaurants.com

COACHES PUB MIDTOWN

2204 Louisiana

713/466.7773

www.coachesjv.com

DAMIAN'S CUCINA ITALIANA

3011 Smith

713/522-0439

www.damians.com

FARRAGO RESTAURANT

318 Gray

713/523-6404

www.farragohouston.com

THE GROVE/

DISCOVERY GREEN PARK

1611 Lamar

713/337-7321

www.thegrovehouston.com

HOUSE OF BLUES HOUSTON

1204 Caroline

888/402-5837

www.houseofblues.com

HOWL AT THE MOON

612 Hadley

713/658-9700

www.howlatthemoon.com

INN AT THE BALLPARK

1520 Texas

713/228-1520

www.innattheballpark.com

JULIA'S BISTRO

3722 Main

713/807-0090

www.juliasbistro.com

LUCKY'S PUB

801 Saint Emanuel

713/522-2010

www.luckypub.com

MASSA'S SEAFOOD GRILL

1331 Lamar

713/655-9100

www.massas.com/massasseafoodgrill.htm

MCCORMICK AND SCHMICK'S

FRESH SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

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