

# NCAA® Men's College World Series® 2023 Media Information

## **CHARLES SCHWAB FIELD OMAHA (24,500)**

1200 Mike Fahey Street Omaha, Nebraska 68102

MCWS WEBSITE ncaa.com/mcws

VIRTUAL MEDIA WORKROOM

https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball

## NCAA MEDIA COORDINATION TEAM

In Omaha, please contact one of these individuals if you have questions. Jeff Williams, NCAA – 317-292-3108; jswilliams@ncaa.org Jenn Rodgers, NCAA – 317-361-0184; jrodgers@ncaa.org Phil Pierce, NCAA – 317-263-4475; ppierce@ncaa.org

## MCWS GAME TIMES (Central time)

Friday, June 16 (Games 1 & 2)1 & 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 17 (Games 3 & 4)1 & 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 18 (Games 5 & 6)1 & 6 p.m.
Monday, June 19 (Games 7 & 8)1 & 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20 (Game 9 & 10)1 & 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21 (Game 11 & 12) 1 & 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 22 (Bracket 1 and Bracket 2) TBA (if necessary)
Friday, June 23 No games

## **Championship Finals**

Saturday, June 24	6 p.m.
Sunday, June 25	
Monday, June 26	

## MCWS MEDIA CREDENTIAL PICKUP HOURS Charles Schwab Field Omaha Box Office (near intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Mike Fahey St.)

On days the office is closed, please call Jenn Rodgers at 317-361-0184 to make arrangements.

Wednesday, June 14	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, June 15	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, June 16	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 17	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 18	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday, June 19	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday, June 22	Closed
Friday, June 23	Closed
Saturday, June 24	4 – 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 25	Closed
Monday, June 26	Closed

#### **Group Pickups**

Group pickups MUST be coordinated through Jenn Rodgers in advance but may not be possible for all groups.

## **Conditions Placed on Use of Media Credentials**

Each individual using this credential agrees to comply with the "Conditions Placed on Use of Credentials" that are published on <u>ncaa.com/credentialterms.</u>

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

An 11-person all-tournament team, including most outstanding player, will be selected by members of the media immediately following the national championship game.

## NCAA BROADCAST CHAMPIONSHIP POLICES

https://www.ncaa.com/media-center/broadcast-services

## COMMUNICATIONS

Charles Schwab Field Omaha is equipped with wireless internet capabilities. Access information will be available in all media work areas.

### DIGITAL MEDIA HUB

All pre-championship and postgame news conferences from the 2023 Men's College World Series will be made available for download in the <u>NCAA Digital Media Hub</u>. Please use the link to navigate to the Digital Media Hub and follow the simple instructions to create an account. All users must create an account to download any content. NOTE: If you created an account for previous NCAA championships, your account will still be active this year.

For questions or support, please email <u>support@veritone.com</u> or contact the Hammond Communications representative on site in the press conference interview room.

Additionally, information such as notes, statistics and box scores will be available on the NCAA's virtual press room located at <u>https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball</u>.

## NCAA DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHAMPIONSHIP POLICES

https://www.ncaa.com/media-center/digital-social-media

## FOOTAGE USAGE AND LICENSING

The NCAA reserves all commercial and noncommercial rights to the use of films/videotapes from all 90 NCAA championships. Everyone making videotape requests and/or footage requests should complete the NCAA online footage request form. To access the form <u>click here</u>. The NCAA will not make copies of games that a team does not participate in after the MCWS is completed.

It is strongly recommended that interested parties contact Hammond Communications Group, Inc., staff member Jesse Kelsey at <u>jkelsey@hammondcg.com</u> as soon as possible to confirm taping procedures and necessary equipment, cables and connectors.

## HOME TEAM DUGOUT

The home team will occupy the third-base dugout throughout the Men's College World Series.

## LINKS

- Championship media policies, broadcast and credentials information: <u>ncaa.com/media</u>
- Digital Media Hub: <u>https://ncaa.veritone.com/</u>
- NCAA virtual press room: <u>https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball</u>
- Bracket: <u>https://www.ncaa.com/brackets/baseball/d1</u>
- Logo library: <u>https://ncaa-logo.pd.dmh.veritone.com/</u>
- Division I Baseball regular-season records book: https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2022/7/26/2023-ncaa-baseball-records-books.aspx
- 2023 NCAA Division I national statistics rankings: <u>https://stats.ncaa.org/rankings?sport\_code=MBA&division=1</u>
- 2023 Men's College World Series records book: <u>ncaa.org/championships/statistics/mens-</u> <u>college-world-series-records-books</u>
- Archived NCAA Division I baseball statistics:<u>ncaa.org/championships/statistics/ baseball-statistics</u>

- NCAA baseball rules book: https://www.ncaapublications.com/DownloadPublication.aspx?download=BA24.pdf
- NCAA Broadcast Championship Polices: <u>https://www.ncaa.com/media-center/broadcast-services</u>
- NCAA Digital and Social Media Championship Polices: <u>https://www.ncaa.com/media-center/digital-social-media</u>

#### **MEDIA PHOTO VESTS**

Photo vests will be distributed to select team videographers and photographers, ESPN, media photographers, NCAA social media and other NCAA partners. Bearers MUST wear the designated vest AND display credentials at all times.

#### MEDIA PARKING AT CHARLES SCHWAB FIELD OMAHA

The NCAA media coordination staff have a very limited number of parking passes available for Lot D at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. Staff will review the number of requests and will base decisions on availability.

#### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS LIVE VIDEO STREAMING RIGHTS POLICY

For the 2023 Men's College World Series, live video streaming will not be allowed during the championship as the ESPN family of networks will televise MCWS games.

## **NEWS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

The NCAA will provide a recording from all formal interview sessions held in the interview room at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. To obtain the recordings, go to <u>https://ncaa.veritone.com</u>.

#### **OPEN PRACTICE SESSIONS**

All eight participating teams have been assigned a one-hour practice time at Charles Schwab Field Omaha on Friday, June 16. These practices are open to the media and public. Times are assigned based on game number and home and visiting teams and are listed under the Schedule of Events listed below. Players typically aren't available for interviews during the practice time but there is an open locker room time for individual players during that team's press conference.

## **POSTGAME INTERVIEW POLICY**

Teams will be asked to have a 20-minute open locker room period after each game.

All interviews begin after a 10-minute cooling-off period. The timetable for the 10-minute coolingoff period begins when the coach enters the clubhouse immediately after the game. In the event of postgame drug testing of student-athletes, the 10-minute cooling-off period will not begin until the drug-testing couriers have contacted the student-athletes selected for testing.

Unless the coach chooses to forego the 10-minute cooling-off period, that coach must proceed directly to the clubhouse after the game unless requested to remain for a short interview by ESPN or ESPN2.

The losing coach and a minimum of two student-athletes will open the interview session, followed by the winning coach and a minimum of two student-athletes. The interview with the losing coach and players generally should not exceed 10 minutes. Please note that the order of the postgame press conferences MAY be adjusted by the NCAA media coordination staff only on an elimination

game, such that the winning team may go first, followed by the team eliminated from the MCWS. The media coordination team will work with the participating teams to make these adjustments as needed.

After fulfilling the commitment to the press staffing the tournament, the coach may participate in any special interviews outside the interview room.

The head coach also has the option to forego the 10-minute cooling-off period and immediately report to the interview room with the understanding that the losing, then winning team order still applies.

#### **POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCES**

The postgame press conferences take place in the Press Interview Room - Street Level 112B-C, located between the two locker rooms on street level. The non-winning coach and a minimum of two student-athletes go on first with total time usually not to exceed 10 minutes. The winning coach and a minimum of two student-athletes (and up to four) are next with the length of the session dictated by the time of day and the number of media present. Please note that the order of the postgame press conferences may be adjusted by the NCAA media coordination staff after an elimination game, such that the winning team may go first, followed by the team eliminated from the MCWS.

For media unable to attend any postgame press conference, a live audio and video feed will be provided to the media work room and the open press seating area in the press box. Media may also be allowed to participate in the press conferences virtually by following Zoom links that will be available at <a href="https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball">https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball</a>.

#### **POSTPONEMENT POLICY**

For all Men's College World Series games, the games committee is responsible for determining whether any contest can be played, until the umpires assume jurisdiction. The umpires then decide when or if the field should be covered and play halted. The games committee, working with the umpires, determines when the tarp is removed and play resumes or is postponed.

#### **PRE-SERIES PRESS CONFERENCES – THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

Pre-series press conferences at Charles Schwab Field Omaha will take place after each team's open practice on Thursday, June 15. The press conferences will take place in the Press Interview Room - Street Level 112B-C, located on between the dugouts on street level. Each team will be asked to bring its head coach and at least two student-athletes.

#### **PRESS BOX FACILITIES**

Media Seating: All credentialed print media from Omaha, Lincoln, the immediate locale of the eight competing teams, national print and internet media, sports information directors and student newspapers from the competing teams will be assigned to one of the three rows of press seating as space allows.

Overflow media can sit in the media press box lounge located behind press seating. Each of the eight teams is guaranteed radio booth space for its official flagship station only and ONLY on the days that team plays.

#### PRESS BOX SERVICES

A box score of each game in wire service style, including individual fielding records, a play-byplay account, and coach and player quotes, will be available in complete game books after each contest. Starting Monday, June 19, after each team has played two games, up-to-date tournament statistics and MCWS leaders will be provided daily.

Current full-season statistics for each team will be compiled by each sports information director and will be available before that team's games. Starting lineups, umpires and brief pregame notes will be provided before each game.

This information will also be available at <u>https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball</u>.

## PRESS MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Meals will be served BETWEEN games of each doubleheader to the working press in the press lounge, located in the press box. During the championship final series a meal will be provided before each game. Please consult the Schedule of Events section of this brochure for specific serving times each day.

Soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, tea and snacks are available throughout all games in the press box.

#### RADIO

The "official" station for each participating team, designated by its director of athletics or sports information director, will be guaranteed broadcast rights. Before broadcast of its first MCWS game, a station must fill out the online radio/internet audio streaming rights form through Learfield IMG, which may be found <u>here.</u>

College-owned stations broadcasting on a sustaining, noncommercial basis shall not be subject to a rights fee, but must still fill out the online form. Please review all the guidelines carefully on <u>this</u> Website link.

Westwood One, in conjunction with NRG Media (Omaha, Nebraska), will provide live radio playby-play of MCWS games 1-14. Westwood One will provide coverage of the best-of-three championship finals nationally. All games can be heard on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio and online at NCAA.com. Radio stations already covering the Men's College World Series should be aware that no exclusivity exists for the championship series or any other NCAA championship event. Other stations in a competitor's market are permitted to carry the Westwood One or NRG Media broadcasts of the NCAA baseball championship tournament.

Each radio booth will be issued an ISDN, phone line and Ethernet cable. There will also be a storage space available to each radio station that can be locked. A key will be provided before a team's first game. Please contact Jeff Williams (jswilliams@ncaa.org) with any additional special needs.

#### SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING

Limited reserved satellite truck parking will be available at Charles Schwab Field Omaha on a space-available basis. Parking requests should be submitted to Emily Keilman at 402-599-5568 or at <u>ekeilman@omahameca.com</u>. A fee of \$650 for run of the Series will be charged to park and power. MECA will invoice for the park and power fee and it must be paid prior to their arrival.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### All times listed in Central time. Unless otherwise specified, all room locations are within Charles Schwab Field Omaha (CSFO).

Wednesday, June 1	4	
3 - 5 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
Thursday, June 15		
8 a.m5 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
9 a.m5 p.m.	Team Open Practices	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
9:10-10 a.m.	Game 1 home team	
10:10-11 a.m.	Game 1 visiting team	
11:10 a.mNo	on Game 2 home team	
12:10-1 p.m.	Game 2 visiting team	
1:10-2 p.m.	Game 3 home team	
2:10-3 p.m.	Game 3 visiting team	
3:10-4 p m.	Game 4 home team	
4:10-5 p.m.	Game 4 visiting team	
10:15-10:45 a.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 1 home team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
11:15-11:45 a.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 1 visiting team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
Noon-2 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
12:15-12:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 2 home team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
1:15-1:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 2 visiting team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
1:50 – 2:10 p.m.	State of Collegiate Baseball Press Confer	ence
		Press Interview Room, 112B-C
2:15-2:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 3 home team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
3:15-3:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 3 visiting team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 4 home team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
5:15-5:45 p.m.	<b>Pre-Series Press Conference for</b>	
	Game 4 visiting team	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Friday, June 16

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9 a.m6 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 1 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 1 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Game 2 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 2 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Saturday, June 17

11 a.m6 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 3 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 3 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	MCWS Game 4 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 4 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Sunday, June 18

11 a.m1 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 5 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 5 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Game 6 (ESPN2)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 6 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

# Monday, June 19

11 a.m1 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 7 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 7 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Game 8 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 8 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

# Tuesday, June 20

11 a.m1 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 9 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 9 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Game 10 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 10 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

# Wednesday, June 21

11 a.m1 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
1 p.m.	Game 11 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
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Postgame	Game 11 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Game 12 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Game 12 Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Thursday, June 22 (if two games are played; subject to change)

1 p.m.	Bracket One (TBD)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Bracket One Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
4:30-7 p.m.	Concession voucher distribution	Press Box
6 p.m.	Bracket Two (TBD)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Bracket Two Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Thursday, June 22 (if one game is played; subject to change)

3-6 p.m.	Concession voucher distribution	Press Box
6 p.m.	Bracket One/Bracket Two (TBD)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Friday, June 23

11 a.mnoon	Championship Finals Press Conferences	Press Interview Room, 112B-C
(Photo op with both coaches and national championship trophy will occur between press conferences)		

## Saturday, June 24

4-6 p.m.	Credential Distribution	Box Office
4-6 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
6 p.m.	Championship Finals Game 1 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
Postgame	Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Sunday, June 26

12-2 p.m.	Press Meal	Press Box
2 p.m.	Championship Finals Game 2 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
**Postgame	Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

## Monday, June 27 (if necessary)

4-6 p.m.	Concession Voucher distribution	Press Box
6 p.m.	Championship Finals Game 3 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field
**Postgame	Press Conference	Press Interview Room, 112B-C

\*\*National Championship Game Press Conference will begin after the awards ceremony.

### **"STATE OF COLLEGIATE BASEBALL" PRESS CONFERENCE**

A "State of Baseball" press conference will take place at Charles Schwab Field Omaha at 1:50 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in the press interview room - street level 112B-C, located on the first-base side of the concourse level.

Participants in the press conference covering all issues pertaining to the "State of Collegiate Baseball" include: Anthony Holman, NCAA managing director for championships and alliances; Division I Baseball Committee chair John Cohen, Auburn director of athletics, and Craig Keilitz, executive director of the American Baseball Coaches Association.

#### STILL PHOTOGRAPHER WORK AREA

Rooms are dedicated to still photographers and will be available in the digital media work rooms located behind home plate on the street level (SL-111B and SL-112A). Internet is available for photo transmissions. Photographers with any questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Phil Pierce (ppierce@ncaa.org).

## **CHARLES SCHWAB FIELD OMAHA FACTS**

Left field line—335 feet Left field alley-375 feet Center field-408 feet Right field alley—375 feet Right field line—335 feet Height of left field wall—8 feet Height of center field wall/batter's eye-8 feet/42 feet overall Height of right field wall-8 feet Height of scoreboard—54 feet wide by 34 feet, six inches Line scoreboard—54 feet by 10 feet Stadium capacity-24,500 Cost—\$131 million Builder-Kiewit Building Group Designers-HDR/Populous/DLR Ground breaking—January 21, 2009 Completion date—April 14, 2011 Opening ceremonies—April 18, 2011 First game—April 19, 2011 – Nebraska 2, Creighton 1 – 22,197 in attendance Suites—30 Club seats-2,500 Other tenants—Creighton University

#### **TEAM MEDIA GUIDES**

Limited numbers of press guides for each of the eight participating teams MAY be available in the press box cubbies starting Thursday, June 15 and throughout the championship. Media also may contact the respective sports information director for each team. Media are encouraged to use <u>https://on.ncaa.com/DIBaseball</u> to access this material to reduce the need for printing.

### **TEAM CONTENT POLICY**

https://www.ncaa.com/ flysystem/public-s3/files/Team%20Content%20Policy.pdf

Each participating institution may designate two individuals to capture photo and/or video content. The team content personnel will be provided a credential and vest and will be permitted to film their game ONLY from a designated area(s), which serves all still photographers. During the contest, the team content personnel should follow all rules that apply to still photographers.

Access will also be provided to the field during closed practices, the team locker room during pregame, postgame and any other times. In addition, the team content personnel can shoot from any area that a still photographer has access to (e.g., concourse).

[NOTE: The team content personnel for the winning team will be allowed on the field to film the postgame celebration and awards ceremony, if applicable.]

#### **TELEVISION POLICY**

<u>https://www.ncaa.com/\_flysystem/public-</u> s3/images/2022/09/16/Team%20Content%20Policy\_1.pdf

Television stations/cable systems or networks are prohibited from airing live action from any part of a Men's College World Series game. Taped highlights may not be shown until ESPN or ESPN2 has left the air. Please see all television footage and licensing regulations at this link: https://www.ncaa.com/\_flysystem/public-s3/files/Footage%20Usage%20Licensing\_1.pdf

These media entities recognize that any videos may be used within a 48-hour period after the game and the film clip or video portion of each such showing shall not exceed two minutes in length for regularly scheduled, televised news programs. A media entity cannot charge a subscription or any other fee to the end user specifically for viewing highlights of NCAA championships.

Media entities shall adhere to the specific policies that govern the length of video and times that it may be aired. With all games shown live television coverage, television entities may not air highlights of a game until the network's broadcast of that event has been completed.

Local television stations, regional sport networks or national cable networks may televise live reports or film from inside the venue up until 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. Once the "30-minute rule" passes, stations may still televise from outside the venue.

Television stations will NOT be permitted to film or tape ANY game action. All highlights must be taken from the Distribution Amplification Center (DAC) provided in the Video/Audio Distribution Work Room - Street Level 1124. For any postgame interviews, stations must use the feed provided in the Press Interview Room - Street Level 112B-C.

For any assistance connecting to mult-boxes, please contact one of the Hammond Communications representatives in the press interview room.

After the formal press conferences, stations may set up for their own one-on-one or group interviews with press conference participants. Live and taped standups are permitted anytime outside Charles Schwab Field Omaha.

#### TICKETS

Media representatives interested in purchasing tickets may do so through the NCAA CWS <u>website</u> or at the Charles Schwab Field Omaha Box Office beginning June 16. Tickets are very limited, and ticket availability cannot be guaranteed for any game.

## VIDEO/AUDIO DISTRIBUTION WORK AREA

A room dedicated to Video/Audio Distribution will be available in the media work room located on the street level (SL-1124). Wireless internet will be available. For any assistance connecting to mult-boxes, please contact one of the Hammond Communications representatives in the press interview room.