CHAMPION YOUR CITY
NCAA SITE SELECTION PROCESS
DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL BREAKOUT

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OPPORTUNITY

Preliminary Rounds

• Men’s basketball has aligned with the other NCAA championships.
• This bid cycle will award sites for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.
• Bids in each year will be awarded for:
  – 1 First Four site.
  – 8 first/second round sites.
  – 4 regional sites.
BID PROCESS

Bid Requirements

• Championship venues and diagrams (seating/back-of-house).
• Proposed budgets/financial stewardship.
• Enhancements/exceptions, if any.
• Ticket pricing worksheet.
• Hotel contracts.
• Key contact form.
• Safety and security plans.
• Community engagement initiative recommendations.
BID SPECIFICATIONS

Competition Venue

• Minimum 10,000-seat capacity.
• Venue can be on or off campus.
• 150-seat capacity media workroom.
• 75-seat capacity media interview room.
• Other back-of-house requirements.
• New construction must be completed at least one year prior to hosting.
BID SPECIFICATIONS

Hotels

• Full-service hotels preferred.
  • Team/media hotel. (5 - 9)
  • Game officials’ hotel. (1)

• Competitive rates.

• Proximity to venue and airport.

• No planned renovations.

• 15 hotels closest to the competition venue. (full service and select-service)
**Additional Host Considerations**

- Review availability of the venue and dates in bid specifications (NCAA set-up two days before the first games).
- Confirm venue room/space needs and that all meet the standards outlined in bid specifications.
- Consider additional hotel meeting space and room inventory in your city (are there hotel needs for other events in the city at the same time).
- Ensure adequate staffing and volunteer base.
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NCAA Considerations

• Airline service and equipment (quality jet service and frequency of arrivals).
• Hosts are from the NCAA Division I membership (membership co-hosts are acceptable).
• Attendance and financial history.
• Honorarium capped at $200,000/$300,000.
• Geographic requirements.
TIMELINE

• August 26        Bid portal opened.

• February 3, 2020 Bid declarations due. (5 p.m. ET)

• February - May   Bid review.

• July – October   Committee deliberations.

• October 23, 2020 Host sites announced.
QUESTIONS

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