



DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

October 1, 2020: Until determined otherwise, the planning of the 2021 championship will continue in the current format as identified below. For more information about the NCAA's Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Basketball, visit <https://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/core-principles-resocialization-collegiate-basketball>.

SAVE THE DATE – FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS

WHO:	Institutions who sponsor Division I women's basketball
WHAT:	2021 championship hosting – non-predetermined sites
WHERE:	Host institution's home court
WHEN:	Friday, March 19 and Sunday, March 21 <u>OR</u> Saturday, March 20 and Monday, March 22

First- and second-round sites will be awarded to the top 16 seeded teams who submit a bid that meets the requirements for hosting.

In the event that a top 16 seeded team does not submit a bid or their bid does not meet requirements for hosting, the Division I Women's Basketball Committee will select a host from the remaining submitted bids that meet the requirements for hosting. In order to adhere to the bracketing principles, it may not be possible to select the next highest seed to host.

Therefore, any institution who wants to host is encouraged to submit a bid.

TIMELINE

Now	Confirm availability and reserve competition venue. <i>Please complete and return the attached form.</i>
December 4	Bid specifications posted on www.ncaa.org/bids .
January 15	Bids submission deadline.
February	Bid review.
March 15	Selection Monday: sites announced.

REGIONALS

Regional competition will be hosted at predetermined, neutral sites.

Regional hosting parameter: A team may not be assigned to play in any arena in which it has played more than three regular-season games, not including conference post-season tournaments.

Regional hosts for 2021 are: Albany, New York at Times Union Center (Siena College and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference); Austin (Cedar Park), Texas at H-E-B Center (University of Texas at Austin); Cincinnati, Ohio at Cintas Center (Xavier and Cincinnati USA Sports Commission); and Spokane, Washington at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena (Idaho).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: Friday, March 26 and Sunday, March 28 **OR**
Saturday, March 27 and Monday, March 29



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AVAILABILITY TO HOST FORM FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

Please provide the requested information below to inform the NCAA of your institution's availability to host the women's basketball championship, should you be selected. Your institution will still need to submit a bid to host in January 2021 to be considered for selection; however the Division I Women's Basketball Committee requests that institutions interested in hosting the championship reserve the competition venue and hotels needed to host the championship as soon as possible.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

(Your contact information will be added to a distribution list to provide you with updates related to the site selection process.)

COMPETITION VENUE

Venue Name: _____

Venue City & State: _____

This venue is:

☐ Our WBB team's home venue ☐ an alternate on-campus venue ☐ an alternate off-campus venue

Please tell us why the WBB home venue is not available and the alternate venue's distance from campus:

The first and second rounds will take place on Friday, March 19 through Monday, March 22. Please select the dates the competition venue is reserved exclusively for the women's basketball championship:

☐ Wednesday, March 17 (noon) – Sunday, March 21 (11:59 p.m.) for games on Friday, March 19 and Sunday, March 21

☐ Thursday, March 18 (noon) – Monday, March 22 (11:59 p.m.) for games on Saturday, March 20 and Monday, March 22

LODGING

A total of 5 hotels are requested to host the first and second round of the championship as listed below for check-in on Wednesday, March 17 with check-out on Monday, March 22 OR check-in on Thursday, March 18 with check-out on Tuesday, March 23. Please be sure hotels are available for both sets of check-in and check-out dates as site dates will not be determined until Selection Monday, March 15. All hotels **must** be full service properties with catering services on-property. The hotels should provide a fair and reasonable rate for the local market. The NCAA is committed to providing an affordable championship for participating institutions and recommends that all room rates do not exceed the NCAA's maximum rate cap of \$185/night plus taxes. NCAA Hosts are encouraged to secure national hotel brands if possible (e.g. Marriott, Hyatt, Hilton, Sheraton, Starwood). Team hotels should be within reasonable proximity (under 30-minute drive) to the competition venue. *(All questions regarding hotels should be directed to Daress McClung, dmcclung@ncaa.org, 317-917-6333.)*

1 Headquarters Hotel: accommodates NCAA event personnel, game officials, media, etc.

- Approximately 15 rooms per night (including 1 suite) for 5 nights.
- 1 complimentary meeting space (800 sq. ft.) for 1-hour meeting on Thursday or Friday night.

4 Team Hotels (or 3 if the host institution will stay on campus):

- Total of 46 rooms at each hotel with 23 of the rooms held for the first 3 nights (2 of which should be suites for coach/administrator). The remaining 23 rooms should be held on contingency, one of which is for the team bus driver (if needed).
- 2 complimentary meeting spaces/team, held on a 24-hour basis for 5 days (minimum of 800 sq. ft. each)
- Complimentary internet in meeting space and travel party sleeping rooms.



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Please identify the hotels reserved for the championship. In addition, please rank your hotels from best property to least using star ratings. If a property has an equal star rating, please take into account proximity to arena and service staff review.

Hotel Type	Name of Proposed Hotel	Rate per night of Proposed Hotel
Headquarters Hotel		
Team 1		
Team 2		
Team 3		
Team 4 (only necessary if host institution will stay in hotel)		

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP RELATED QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any other holds or events in your facility during the dates of the championship? If yes, what is the event and what are the dates they will be in the facility?:
2. Do you have any other events on campus during the dates of the championship? If yes, what are the other events and the dates of these events?:
3. Are there any potential conflicts in your city during this time that would make it challenging to secure hotel rooms or a reasonable rate? (e.g. spring training, legislature in session, spring break destination)
4. Is your institution on spring break during the dates of the championship? If yes, which dates:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1** TO:
MEREDITH CLEAVER, MCLEAVER@NCAA.ORG; PHONE: 317-532-7655