



2023 DIVISION II
**FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

*McKINNEY, TX • Lone Star Conference
and McKinney ISD, Hosts*

MEDIA INFORMATION/MANUAL

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Welcome media and sports information directors to the 2023 NCAA Division II Football Championship game at McKinney ISD Stadium and Community Event Center. The NCAA, the Lone Star Conference and McKinney ISD are happy to serve as your hosts. Included in this material you will find valuable information pertaining to your coverage of the championship from general information to more detailed maps and issues that pertain to photographers, media, etc. It is encouraged that members of the media review the **entire** book before arriving in McKinney, Texas, as several sections pertain to functions that cross over your typical mainstream media. I look forward to working with each of you this year.

Phil Pierce
Assistant Director, Championships and Alliances
NCAA

Quick Facts

<u>NCAA Championship</u>		<u>McKinney ISD Stadium & Community Event Center</u>	
First Championship.....	1973	Capacity	12,000
No. of Championships	49	Surface	Turf
2022 Champion	Ferris St.	Location.....	4201 S. Hardin Blvd., McKinney, TX 75070
2022 Runner-Up	Colo. Sch. of Mines		
2022 Score.....	41-14		

- [NCAA DII Football Championships Record Book](#)
- [NCAA DII Football Records Book](#)
- [NCAA DII Football Statistics](#)

[McKinney ISD Stadium & Community Event Center](#)

General Information

Credentials and Media Will Call

Media Will Call opens 2.5 hours prior to the national championship game.

Media should plan to pick up their credentials in the lobby of the Community Event Center. Upon receipt of your credential, photographers should go to the media work room on the second floor of the building. Media should proceed directly to the concourse of the facility or to the press box.

Credentials must be worn in plain sight at all times. Standard rules concerning credentials apply. Credentials are issued for the sole purpose of providing facility access to the bearer with a legitimate working function in connection with this event. **IT IS NONTRANSFERABLE.** Any unauthorized use of this credential subjects the bearer to having the credential revoked. We cannot replace lost or stolen credentials.

Virtual Kick-Off Press Conference

The virtual Kick-Off Press Conference will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern time (10 a.m. Central time) on Tuesday, December 12. The virtual press conference will consist of two parts and feature the head coach of the competing institutions. Directions on how to access the virtual press conference will be communicated following the semifinal outcomes.

Parking

Media parking for the championship game will be available in Lot E on the southwest side of McKinney ISD Stadium. Access to the lot will be granted to those individuals who are approved for parking through the credential approval process and not assigned to organizations. Directions to McKinney ISD Stadium and its parking lots can be found in Appendix 2. Photographers who feel that they need to drop off their equipment prior to parking may do so by heading to the Community Event Center and placing their equipment inside the facility before moving their vehicle to Lot E.

Security

All media entering McKinney ISD Stadium are advised that bags, backpacks, briefcases and equipment will be searched. Please plan your arrival at the stadium accordingly.

Postgame Press Conference

The postgame press conference will be held in the Community Event Center located on the south side of McKinney ISD Stadium. The interview room is accessible by walking south on the concourse to the stairs.

Hotels

There is no assigned media hotel for the championship. A list of local properties is located in Appendix 4.

Hospitality

A media meal will be served approximately two hours prior to kick-off. Central time in the press box area. Your credential is required for the meal.

Internet Access

Password protected wireless internet is available in the press box and photo work room the day of the game. Login information will be provided to the media the day of the game.

Broadcast/Webcast Schedule

ESPN has exclusive broadcast rights for the NCAA Division II Football Championship. The game will be broadcast live on ESPNU at 1 p.m. Eastern time (Noon Central time). The postgame ceremony may be carried live on ESPNU or could be streamed on the ESPN App depending on timing.

Social Media

Join the championship conversation by using #NCAAD2 or #D2FB. Other ways to connect to activity in Division II Athletics are: Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ncaadivisionii>, Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ncaadii>, Instagram: <http://instagram.com/ncaadii> and YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NCAADivisionII>.

Media Workroom

The media workrooms are limited to the press areas at McKinney ISD Stadium as well as the press conference/workroom in the Community Event Center. The media work rooms will remain open until two hours after the trophy ceremony. As-signed seating will be used in the press box while the Community Event Center is open seating during and after the game on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Press Row Seating

Press row seating is limited. Requesting a seat does not guarantee a seat. Priority will be given to national media with a large circulation, local media with a daily circulation, media who have covered a participating team on a regular basis throughout the season and participating SID's. Overflow seating is available in other areas of the press box, but be advised, some of this seating is outside. Please dress accordingly.

Press Room Services

Pregame notes, current statistics, media guides and programs may be available in the press box prior to the contest and will also be available on the NCAA Virtual Press Box. Halftime statistics, play-by-play, final box scores, notes and quotes are distributed in the press box, via email and on the Virtual Press Box.

Press Row/Box Decorum

Please sit in your assigned seat on press row. This will allow us to contact you easily, should the need arise. Cheering by accredited media is not permitted on press row or in the press box. If someone around you is causing a disturbance, please report it to Phil Pierce, Greg Weghorst or Amy Carlton. Violators risk forfeiture of credentials for this and future events.

Practice Media Policy

The teams initial practice in McKinney, Texas, is open and players and coaches are available to the media one-half hour before the scheduled practice time on Thursday, Dec. 14. For practice times and locations, please see the schedule in Appendix 3. In the case of inclement weather, the practice will be moved indoors. Emails will be sent to credentialed media with specific times.

Truck Feeds

Television stations/institutions that are present at the championship may take a live feed of the ESPN broadcast at the production truck. If desired, outlets must provide all of their own HDSI recording equipment including cables. Native format is 720p with four channels of embedded audio.

Video Footage - What You Can and Can't Shoot

ESPN owns the exclusive broadcast rights to the NCAA Division II Football Championship. Media outlets may shoot their own footage up to 11:30 a.m. local time on Saturday, Dec. 16. Once the ESPN blackout window opens, outlets may not shoot again until ESPN has concluded their live broadcast, this usually ends after the trophy presentation. A member of the media coordination staff will let outlets know when they may begin to shoot their own footage.

Team Content

Each institution is permitted to designate no more than two persons for the purpose of collecting team content (photo, video, social media) and must be identified with armbands distributed by the media coordination staff. Team content personnel must adhere to all media policies and are permitted to work from any area that serves all photographers. Video highlights must adhere to NCAA policies regarding such footage. Institutions may contact Veritone about licensing footage at sports@veritone.com or 866-825-6599 should they wish to use more than is allowed during the contest.

Photographers Meeting

There is a meeting for all photographers/team videographers in the photo workroom beginning at 10:30 a.m. Central time on Saturday, Dec. 16. While not mandatory, all photographers/team videographers are highly encouraged to attend this 15-minute session to get last minute instructions on shooting locations, policies and postgame procedures.

Photographers/Photo Workroom

Photographers are asked to use the workroom in the Community Event Center accessible from the field in the southwest corner of the facility. Photographers will receive their armbands in the Community Event Center and then be directed to field level. There is no space allotted in the main press area for photographers to work. Photographers are allowed in the press box to access media hospitality.

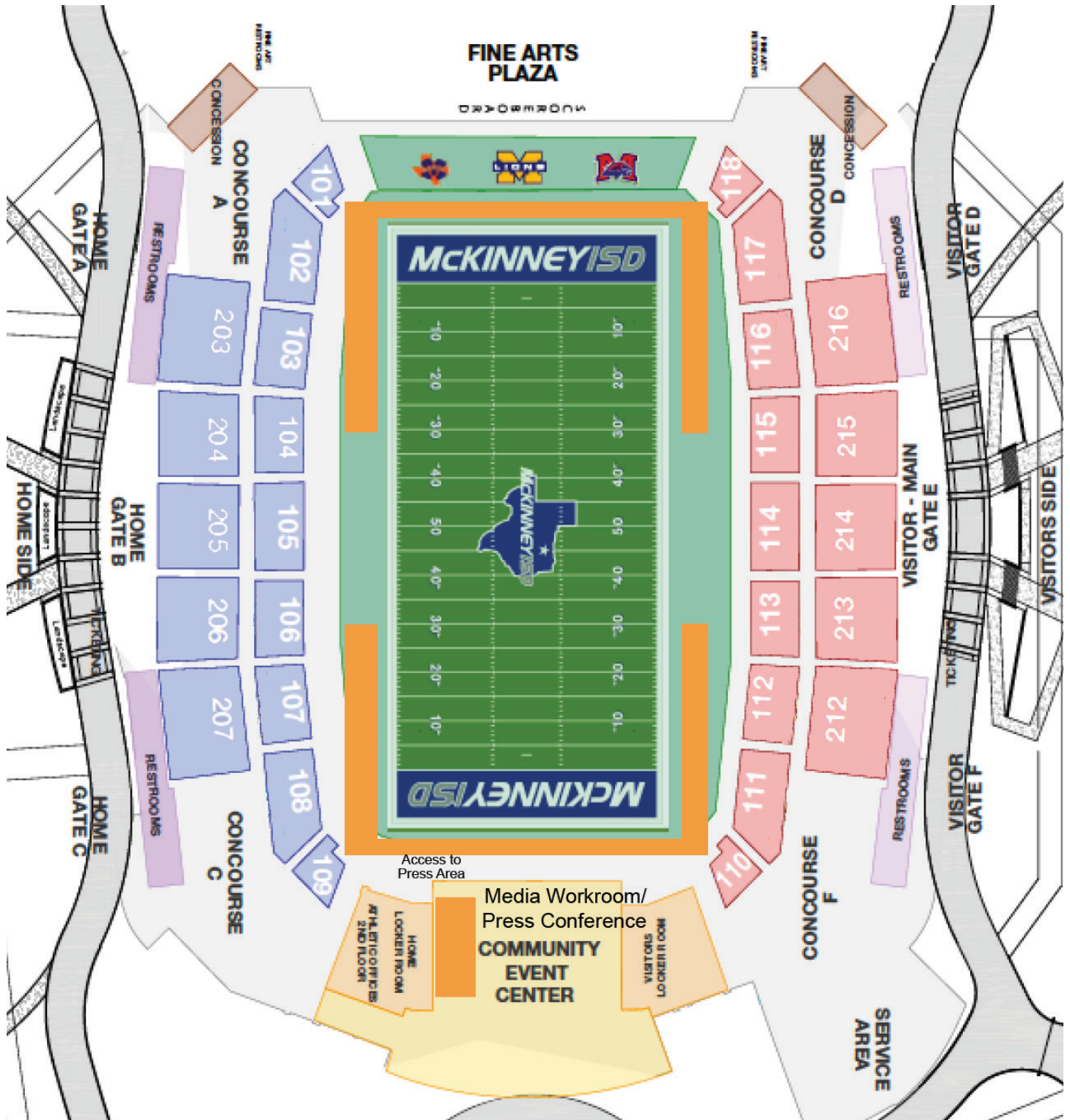
When at the field level, photographers must wear armbands provided at all times. Photographers not wearing armbands will be asked to put them on, or will be escorted to the Community Event Center in order to retrieve them. Photographers are asked to adhere to all on-field markings as to where they may stand and where photographs may be taken from. Photographers not taking photographs are asked to move to the back to allow room for more photographers close to field level. **NO MEDIA IS PERMITTED IN THE TEAM BENCH AREA.**

Videography/Local Television Stations & Highlight Feeds

MEDIA: Please refer to the link regarding the NCAA's video policy for usage on air AND on websites. [Policy Link](#). Also please refer to the handout regarding videography.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS: Please refer to the link regarding the NCAA's video policy for usage on air AND on websites. [Policy Link](#). Also please refer to the handout regarding videography.

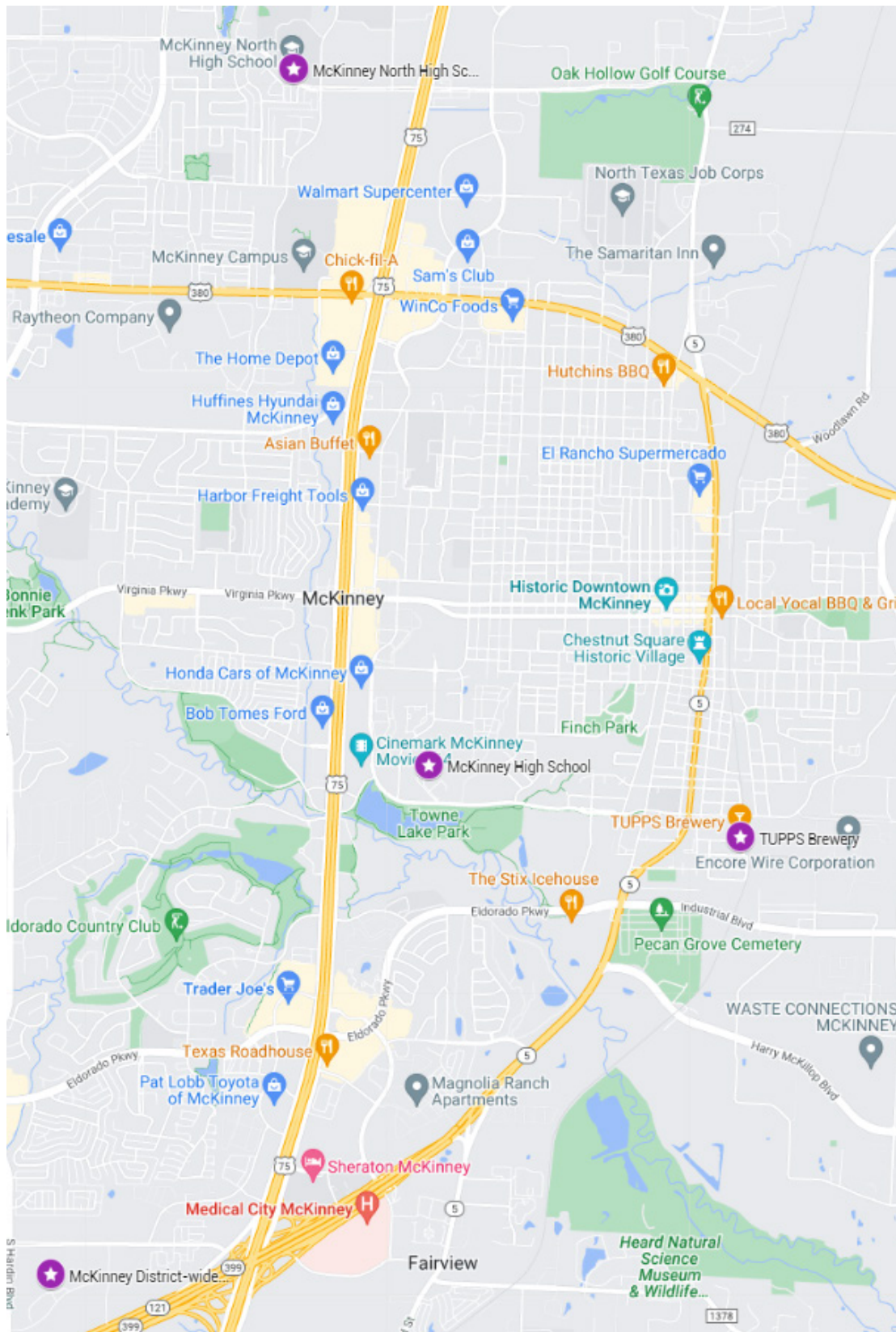
Appendix 1: McKinney ISD Stadium Field Level



Appendix 2: Directions and Parking

For Stadium parking maps, please visit

<https://www.mckinneyisd.net/stadium/directions-and-parking.html>



Appendix 3: Media Schedule of Events

Start	End	Event	Location
Tuesday, December 12			
11:00 a.m. <i>(Eastern Time)</i>	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Kick-Off Press Conference <i>(Head Coach of each competing institution will be available for 25-30 minutes)</i>	
Thursday, December 14			
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Team A Media Availability.....	McKinney North High School
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Team B Media Availability.....	McKinney High School
1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Team A Practice	McKinney North High School
1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Team B Practice.....	McKinney High School
Saturday, December 16			
10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Photographers Meeting	Community Event Center
12:00 p.m.		National Championship Game	McKinney ISD Stadium
Postgame		Press Conference	Community Event Center

All times Central except for the Virtual Kick-Off Press Conference which is Eastern

Appendix 4: McKinney, Texas Lodging Options

Best Western

480 Wilson Creek Blvd.
McKinney, TX 75069
972-548-3000
Contact: Jake Moreland

Grand Hotel

107 N. Kentucky
McKinney, TX 75069
214-544-9612
Contact: Claire Creamer

Holiday Inn Express McKinney/Frisco East

6601 Henneman Way
McKinney, TX 75070
214-495-0029
Contact: Sameer Nanu

Sheraton McKinney

1900 Gateway Blvd.
McKinney, TX 75070
972-363-2091
Contact: Beverly Pontius

Home 2 Suites by Hilton McKinney

2630 S. Central Expressway
McKinney, TX 75070
469-678-5047
Contact: Yajaira Moncada

Hampton Inn & Suites

2008 N. Central Expressway
McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-6622
Contact: James Humphrey

Comfort Suites

1590 N. Central Expressway
McKinney, TX 75069
972-548-9595
Contact: Cecilia Basurto

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

3220 Craig Drive
McKinney, TX 75070
469-952-2044
Contact: Yareny Loredó

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

6501 Henneman Way
McKinney, TX 75070
972-666-4848
Contact: Raezil Go

McKinney Townplace Suites by Marriott

1832 Marketplace Dr.
McKinney, TX 75070
214-726-9030
Contact: Brian Tinger

Springhill Suites

2660 S. Central Expressway
McKinney, TX 75070
469-678-5047
Contact: Yajaira Moncada

For additional information on things to do, places to eat and where to stay, call Visit McKinney at 214-554-1407 or visit www.visitmckinney.com.