



## ***MEDIA INFORMATION***

***AMALIE ARENA  
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Welcome to the 2023 NCAA Men's Frozen Four at Amalie Arena. The NCAA, University of Wisconsin, Tampa Bay Sports Commission and Amalie Arena are happy to serve as your hosts for this championship. Included in this manual 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, etc. It is encouraged that members of the media review the **entire** book before arriving in Tampa 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

Asst. Director Championships and Alliances  
NCAA

## Quick Facts

NCAA Championship	Amalie Arena
First Championship.....1921	Built..... 1996
No. of Championships .....73	Capacity ..... 19,404
2022 Championship..... Denver def. Minnesota St., 5-1	Location..... 401 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL, 33602
2022 Semifinalists ..... Michigan & Minnesota	

[Frozen Four Record Book](#)

[Division I Men's Ice Hockey Records](#)

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Jeff Neidlinger, Game Presentation  
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Lori Wolf, Marketing and Ticketing

## Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee

Jeffrey Schulman, Athletics Director, Univ. of Vermont, Chair  
Bob Daniels, Head Coach, Ferris St. Univ.  
Rick Gotkin, Head Coach, Mercyhurst Univ.  
Josh Richelew, Sport Administrator, Univ. of Michigan  
Scott Sandelin, Head Coach, Univ. of Minn. Duluth  
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## Media Hotel

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505 Water Street  
Tampa, FL 33602  
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## General Information

### Credentials and Media Will Call

All credentials must be claimed in person; government-issued identification is required. Security representatives will check all bags. All media may pick up their credential with a photo ID beginning on Wednesday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., at Gate D located on the Southeast side. The entrance is off Water Street and across from the Tampa History Museum.

Credential will call times are as follows.

Wednesday, April 5.....9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6.....1:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 7.....10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8 .....4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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.

### Media Entrance and Arrival

Upon arrival, media will have a choice on where to go. Those wishing to go to the press box should proceed down the hallway to the elevator and take that up to the press box. Photographers and those not wishing to go to the press box should proceed to the media workspace on the event level of the building.

### Masking

At the time of this publication, there is **NO** mask mandate inside Amalie Arena. This could change prior to the Frozen Four and will be communicated as soon as possible should local health regulations be adjusted.

### NCAA Virtual Press Box

The [NCAA Virtual Press Box](#) is a one-stop place where media can get links to live results, post-game press conferences, team promotional materials and more. Media materials will be placed on the site throughout the championship for media use as a way to enhance coverage.

### Social Media

Join the championship conversation by using #NCAAHockey and/or #MFrozenFour and following us on [Facebook](#) (NCAAIceHockey), [Twitter](#) (@NCAAIceHockey) and [Instagram](#) (@ncaaicehockey) for results and important meet updates.

Pre-Championship Virtual Press Conference

There will be a pre-championship virtual press conference featuring the head coach from each participating team on **Tuesday, March 28 at 11 a.m. ET**. Login information and participants will be sent to approved media when we get closer to the event. The virtual press conference will be recorded and placed in the Media Hub for those that are unable to attend.

Michigan Coach Naurato .....11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
Quinnipiac Coach Pecknold .....11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Minnesota Coach Motzko.....11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
Boston U. Coach Pandolfo .....11:45 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Internet Access

Both the press level and media room work area at Amalie Arena have wireless internet service. Instructions for accessing the wireless signal will be provided to media on site at the championship. The SSID that you will be looking for is Amalie Arena Guest Wifi.

Statistical Services

Scoring summaries, shot charts, quotes, press conference transcripts and championship notes are distributed during and after each game on the Virtual Press Box.

Parking

Limited complimentary media parking may be available at Amalie Arena for the 2023 Frozen Four. In the event no complimentary parking is available, there are several garages and surface lots within walking distance.

Press Seating and Photo Areas

Seating for those receiving working media credentials is assigned on a priority basis in the main press seating area. Photographers issued credentials are restricted to the photographer areas. Due to the limited number of press seats in the Amalie Arena press box, assignments will be made prior to the semifinals and championship game.

Transcription Services

The NCAA will provide a transcription service with quotes from all press conferences. Transcripts of each press conference will be available on the Digital Media Hub.

Postgame Press Conference Video

NCAA Productions provides HD and Digital videos of all Men’s Frozen Four Press Conferences April 5-8. Local stations should courtesy NCAA. Times are subject to change and press conferences will be uploaded immediately following completion.

All press conferences can be found in the NCAA Digital Media Hub in HD Format.

**Hospitality**

Media meals will be served on the event level of Amalie Arena. Media will need to present their credential for admittance to the hospitality area. Please refer to the map in Appendix 2 for more detailed information on the location of the hospitality area. Meal service times are as follows:

Wednesday, April 5.....11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6.....3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7.....11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 .....4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

**All-Tournament Team**

Digital ballots are distributed to certified media representatives near the conclusion of the national championship game to select a six-player all-tournament team, which includes the most outstanding player. The team is announced immediately after the championship game.

**Conferences Available for Automatic Qualification**

Atlantic Hockey Association, Big Ten, CCHA, ECAC Hockey, Hockey East Association, National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

## **Photographers**

### **Strobe Lights**

Strobe lights are administered and pooled at the discretion of the NCAA or host media coordinator.

A maximum of three sets of strobe lights may be installed at the venue for media agencies requiring immediate news coverage. Strobe lights for a conventional arena must not exceed 2,400 watt-seconds for each power pack, and the flash duration should be less than 1/1,000-second. A typical approved installation consists of four power packs with tube heads on each pack.

All hanging or installed strobes must be as close to the playing surface as possible, depending upon the physical structure of the arena, near the corners of the playing surface. All strobes must be installed and tested, if necessary, at the site 24 hours before the start of the event during which the strobes will be used. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey representative(s) or NCAA championships staff liaison will grant final approval relative to the installation of strobes.

If the physical structure of an arena prevents a media agency from meeting these specifications, the agency may petition the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee for an exception. This written request and explanation should be submitted to the committee at least two weeks before the event.

No other strobes, including hand-carried units, are permitted in the arena, and no strobe or any other photography equipment may be placed on or attached to a goal standard.

### **Remote Cameras**

Remote cameras are permitted inside Amalie Arena, but only with prior approval from the NCAA media coordination staff. Requests for remote cameras should be made in writing to Phil Pierce no later than one week prior to the championship (March 30). All remote cameras must be identified with the photographers name and local contact information on it and any hung cameras must have appropriate safety cables attached. Cameras must be in place prior to arena doors opening and may not be retrieved until after games are complete.

## Broadcasting

All broadcasting matters (television, radio, satellite radio, video streaming internet, audio streaming internet, audio.cideo streaming internet and new technologies) policies and procedures may be found at [www.NCAA.com/media](http://www.NCAA.com/media).

## Television

All three games of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship (Frozen Four) are broadcast on television by ESPN2.

For the latest television schedule, please check the [Championship TV Schedule](#) on the NCAA's official championships Web Site, [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com)

ESPN, Inc., owns exclusive rights to all of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship for live broadcasts.

## Internet Audio Streaming

The NCAA owns exclusive internet rights to all rounds of its championship, including games at the Frozen Four. Any radio station or internet provider wishing to stream audio of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship games, must submit a NCAA Radio/Internet Rights Agreement on-line at [www.ncaa.com/broadcast](http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast).

There will be a rights fee for any commercial broadcast streamed via the internet. If you have any questions, please contact Nate Flannery ([nflannery@ncaa.org](mailto:nflannery@ncaa.org)) 317-917-6222 at the NCAA.

## Internet Video Streaming

The NCAA owns exclusive internet (audio and/or video streaming) rights to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. Due to the fact that all games of the Frozen Four will be broadcast on ESPN2, no entity may stream any game (internet videostreaming) during the championship tournament.

## Television

All television stations must restrict their usage of game footage to a maximum of three minutes on a sports-news broadcast and are prohibited from airing game footage of any part of a tournament game in progress, for any purpose.

Television stations also are prohibited from selling, loaning or giving away championship footage to any individual or agency, or for use on any nonsports news program produced or aired by the station.

No ENG crews are allowed to film any of the three games of the Frozen Four. Local stations must take a pool feed from the audio/video mult-box provided by the NCAA. The mult-box has standard video three-pin BNC connections and standard twist-on XLR audio connections. Local stations or schools wishing to plug into the mult-box must bring proper cable connectors. Participating schools choosing to bring computers are especially encouraged to bring all proper cables. ENG crews are allowed to film up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the a game to establish a presence in the venue. Please note that any exceptions to these rules must be cleared by Phil Pierce, media coordinator.

Arrangements for satellite truck parking for Amalie Arena must be secured through Phil Pierce of the NCAA.



## Participating Teams

### Postgame Interview Policy

All coaches and student-athletes must be available for interviews.

Throughout the championship, press conferences are scheduled for the convenience of the media representatives, the coaches and the student-athletes representing the participating institutions. They are designed to provide the media with tournament information required for thorough coverage and to limit the time demands placed upon the coaches and student-athletes.

A 10-minute cooling-off period is set aside for a coach to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after the game. The period begins when the coach enters or arrives at the dressing room immediately after the game or interview with the NCAA. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period, but may not extend it.

Regardless of any personal regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach first is obligated to the entrie media staffing the championship and must report to the interview area immediately after the cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by ESPN or NCAA Productions. After fulfilling the commitment to the media staffing the championship, the coach and student-athletes may participate in one-on-one interviews.

Should a coach permit one media representative to conduct an interview before the cooling-off period has expired, the entire team is immediately available to all other media representatives desiring access.

If, in the opinion of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, a rules interpretation regarding a game situation is necessary, the NCAA media coordinator shall appoint a "pool reporter" to accompany a committee representative to obtain quotes for distribution to the media. At that time, an interpretation pertaining to the specific situation is given.

### Radio

Westwood One owns the exclusive rights as the official radio network for the Frozen Four. Space will be reserved for each participating team home "flagship" radio station as designated by the institution. All other stations representing that institution's broadcast radio are served on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with the priority established by the NCAA broadcast department.

Broadcasts of any NCAA Championship tournament game must conform to the general broadcasting policies adopted by the Association. All stations broadcasting a game are required to fill out the NCAA Championship on-line radio agreement. At no time may a game be interrupted for a radio timeout.

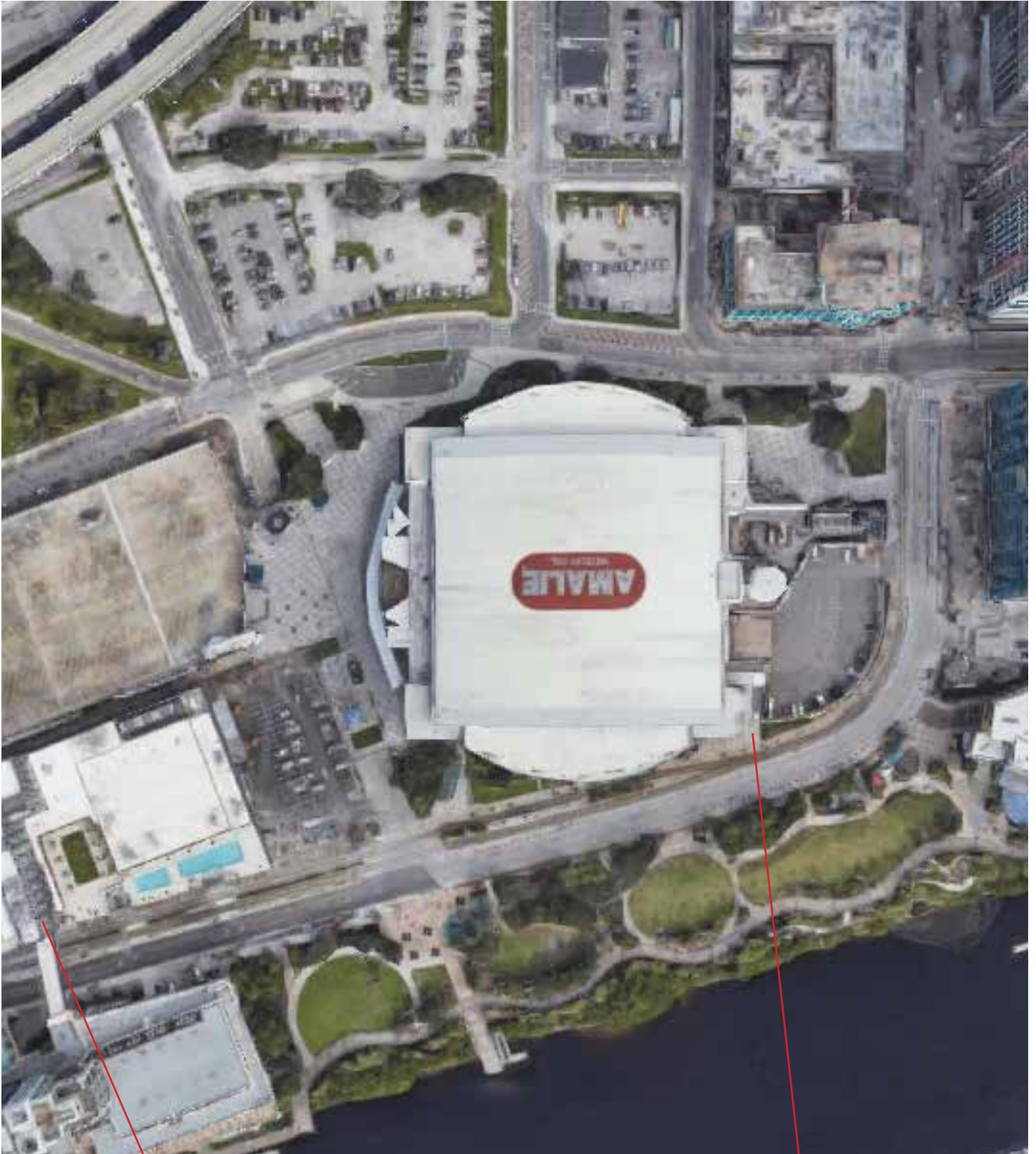
Offical college or university noncommercial stations of the host institution and competing institutions that broadcast the institution's regular-season competitions are not charged a rights fee. All commercial stations must pay a rights fee. All commercials must conform to the NCAA advertising policy. IMG College manages the NCAA Championship local radio rights for Westwood One.

Any station wishing to obtain NCAA Championship broadcast radio rights (Radio only, Radio/audio internet combo or audio internet only), must submit the NCAA Radio Rights Agreement on-line at [www.ncaa.com/broadcast](http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast). IMG College will send an invoice for all rights fees owed at the the conclusion of the 2023 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. DO NOT submit a check to the host institution or on site at the championship.

**Telephone Lines**

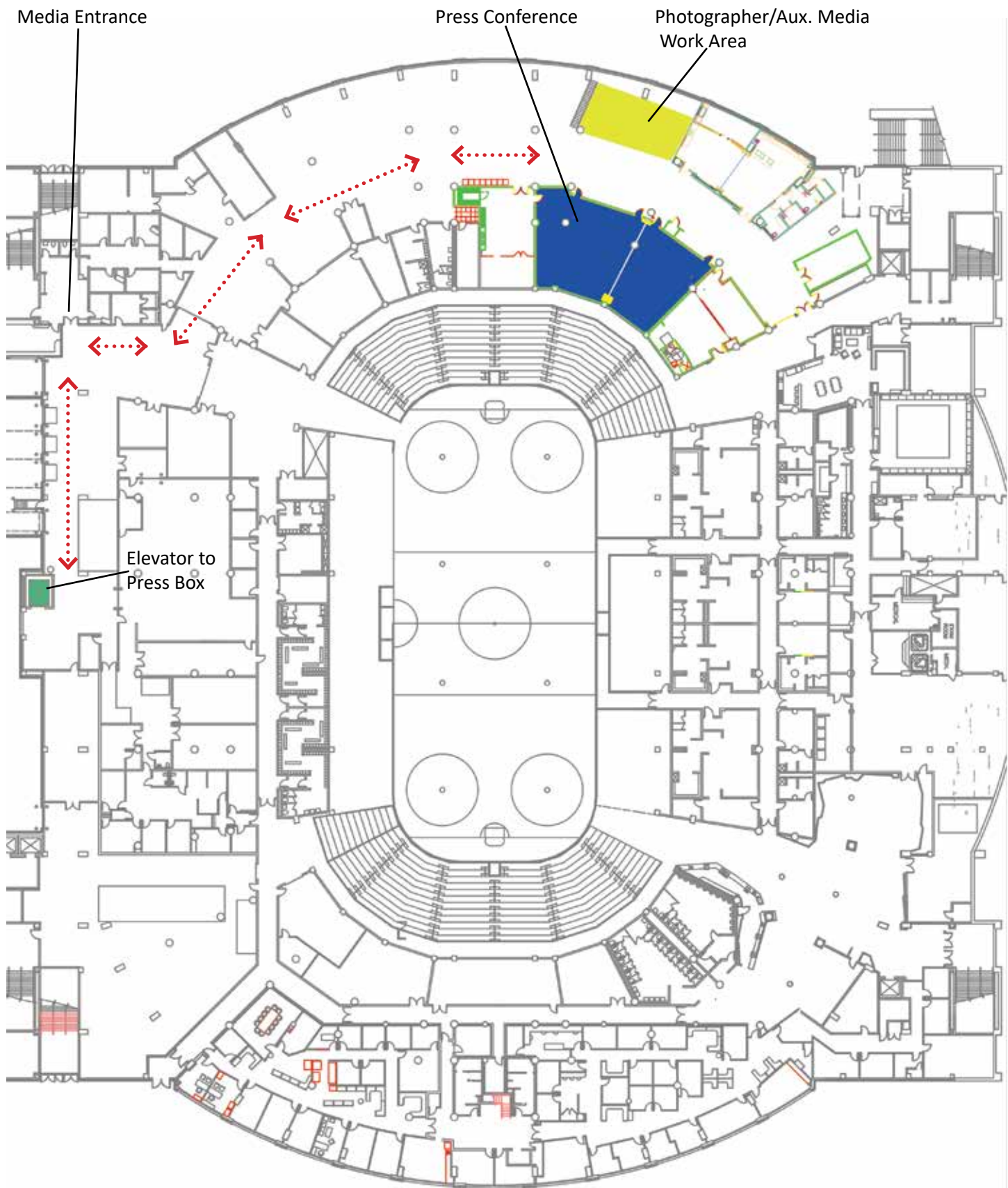
All requests for dedicated telephone lines should be made at least one week prior to the championship to Phil Pierce with the number and type of line needed and contact information. A representative of Amalie Arena will be in contact with anyone needing a line to arrange for any costs involved and timeline for installation.

## Appendix 1: Media Credential Will Call and Entrance



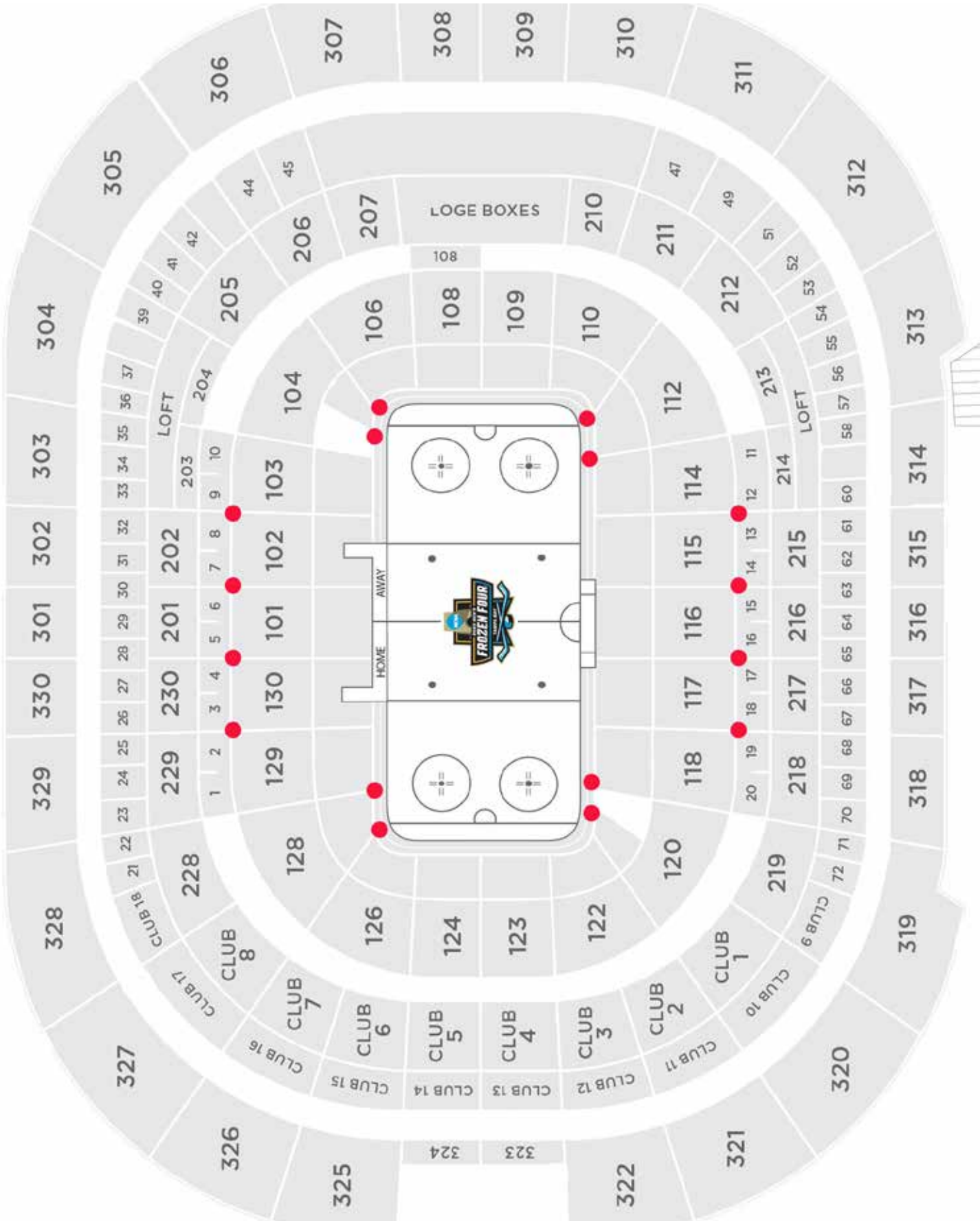
JW Marriott, Media Hotel

Media Credential Will Call and Entrance

**Appendix 2: Amalie Arena Media/Photo Work Areas**



Appendix 3: Amalie Arena Photo Shooting Areas



## Appendix 4: Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, March 28

11:00 a.m. .... 12:00 p.m. Virtual Press Conference ..... Virtual

### Thursday, March 30

12:00 p.m. Deadline to reserve rooms at media hotel

### Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. .... 4:00 p.m.	Credential distribution.....	Media Will Call
9:00 a.m. .... 7:00 p.m.	Working media area available .....	Media Work Room
11:00 a.m. .... 12:00 p.m.	<b>Boston U.</b> practice.....	Amalie Arena
11:30 a.m. .... 1:30 p.m.	Media meal.....	Media Work Room
12:15 p.m. .... 12:45 p.m.	<b>Boston U.</b> press conference .....	Press Conference Room
12:15 p.m. .... 1:15 p.m.	<b>Minnesota</b> practice .....	Amalie Arena
1:30 p.m. .... 2:00 p.m.	<b>Minnesota</b> press conference.....	Press Conference Room
1:30 p.m. .... 2:30 p.m.	<b>Quinnipiac</b> practice .....	Amalie Arena
2:45 p.m. .... 3:15 p.m.	<b>Quinnipiac</b> press conference.....	Press Conference Room
2:45 p.m. .... 3:45 p.m.	<b>Michigan</b> practice .....	Amalie Arena
4:00 p.m. .... 4:30 p.m.	<b>Michigan</b> press conference.....	Press Conference Room

### Thursday, April 6

1:30 p.m. .... 8:30 p.m.	Credential distribution.....	Media Will Call
1:30 p.m.	Working media area available .....	Media Work Room
3:30 p.m. .... 6:30 p.m.	Media meal.....	Media Work Room
4:00 p.m. .... 4:15 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Room
5:00 p.m.	Semifinal 1: <b>Boston U. vs. Minnesota</b> .....	Amalie Arena
Following the game	Press conferences.....	Press Conference Room
7:30 p.m. .... 7:45 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Room
8:30 p.m.	Semifinal 2: <b>Michigan vs. Quinnipiac</b> .....	Amalie Arena
Following the game	Press conferences.....	Press Conference Room

### Friday, April 7

10:00 a.m. .... 1:00 p.m.	Credential distribution.....	Media Will Call
10:00 p.m. .... 4:00 p.m.	Working media area available .....	Media Work Room
11:15 a.m. .... 12:15 p.m.	Semifinal 1 winner practice .....	Amalie Arena
11:30 a.m. .... 1:30 p.m.	Media meal.....	Media Work Room
12:00 p.m. .... 12:30 p.m.	Semifinal 2 winner press conference .....	Press Conference Room
1:00 p.m. .... 1:30 p.m.	Semifinal 1 winner press conference .....	Press Conference Room
1:15 p.m. .... 2:15 p.m.	Semifinal 2 winner practice .....	Amalie Arena
1:30 p.m. .... 2:00 p.m.	State of the Game Press Conference .....	Press Conference Room
4:45 p.m. .... 6:30 p.m.	Independent Award Presentations .....	Sparkman Wharf

### Saturday, April 8

4:30 p.m. .... 8:30 p.m.	Credential distribution.....	Media Will Call
4:30 p.m.	Working media area available .....	Media Work Room
4:30 p.m. .... 7:00 p.m.	Media meal.....	Media Work Room
7:00 p.m. .... 7:15 p.m.	Photographer's Meeting.....	Media Work Room
8:00 p.m. ....	National Championship Game .....	Amalie Arena
Following the game	Press conferences.....	Press Conference Room

*Team practices, listed above are open to the media, practice on Wednesday, April 5 is also open to the public.*

*\*All times listed are Eastern; Schedule is subject to change*