



MEDIA INFORMATION

COVID-19 POLICY: Per College Football Playoff mandates, proof of vaccination will be required for all media covering the 2021 Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl. All media MUST verify proof of vaccination during the application process to be considered for access to attend all related activities and events during the bowl week. All credentialed media are REQUIRED to wear masks in all media interview sessions and news conferences during bowl week and accessible areas inside Hard Rock Stadium on game day.

MEDIA AVAILABILITIES & NEWS CONFERENCES

All media availabilities and news conferences during bowl week and on game day will only be available virtually via Zoom. All video content, audio content and transcriptions will be posted on the Orange Bowl media Dropbox, which can be found at orangebowl.org/pressbox. It will also be distributed to credentialed media via e-mail on a daily basis.

OFFICIAL MEDIA HEADQUARTERS

The Le Meridien Dania Beach at Fort Lauderdale Airport located at 1825 Griffin Rd, Dania Beach, FL 33004 will serve as the Official Media Headquarters for the 2021 College Football Playoff at the Capital One Orange Bowl. The media rate is \$215. All team and bowl materials will be available in the media workroom as well as daily practice reports, schedule updates, notes and quotes. Additionally, credentialed media will be provided with three meals a day and access to the Larry Wahl Hospitality Suite daily until 12 a.m.

CREDENTIAL PICKUP

All credentials may be picked up at the Official Media Headquarters in Seven Isles Executive Boardroom at Le Meridien Dania Beach at Fort Lauderdale Airport from Dec. 27 – 31 or at Hard Rock Stadium Media Will Call (located at SW Gate) on Dec. 31. **NO MEDIA CREDENTIALS WILL BE MAILED.** Hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

MEDIA WORKROOM

The Media Workroom will be located in Aqua Vista D on the first floor. The rooms will be equipped with high-speed internet connectivity and a laser printer. The workroom's hours of operation are 7 a.m. – 1 a.m. ET.

MEDIA HOSPITALITY

The Larry Wahl Media Hospitality Room is located in Riviera Ballroom on the first floor of the media hotel. Members of the media are encouraged to spend their downtime in the hospitality room enjoying snacks and beverages courtesy of Orange Bowl. The hospitality room is open from 7 a.m. until 12 a.m. daily.

TEAM ARRIVALS

Team arrivals, which are scheduled for Saturday, December 25 (Michigan) and Sunday, December 26 (Georgia), will be closed to media. Orange Bowl media staff will conduct arrival

interviews with the head coaches and will distribute professional audio and video of those brief media sessions, along with b-roll and photos, shortly after the teams arrive.

TEAM PRACTICES

Team practices are open to media to shoot b-roll and take photos for the first 15 minutes on Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28 in a distanced area off the field and away from the teams. Shuttles will be available from the media hotel.

MEDIA SHUTTLES

The Orange Bowl Communications Department will provide courtesy shuttles from the Le Meridien Dania Beach to Hard Rock Stadium on the day of the game. Shuttles schedule is *TBA* and will pick up members of the media at the Le Meridien Dania Beach and drop off near Gate SE of Hard Rock Stadium. The shuttle service will start to transport members of the media back to the Le Meridien Dania Beach after the conclusion of the game. The postgame shuttles will run every 45 minutes (beginning immediately after the game until the last person has left the press box. Postgame pick-up will occur at Gate SE.

GAME DAY MULTIMEDIA SERVICES

Complimentary wireless, hard-wire and high-speed internet access will be available in the press box and digital photo workroom. To order a personal phone or DSL line, please contact Hard Rock Stadium at telco@dolphins.com. You will need to complete a form during the credential application process and fax to Hard Rock Stadium at (305) 943-6818. For additional questions, or to order an ISDN line please contact Joe Curbelo at JCurbelo@dolphins.com.

LIVE TELECASTS

On game day, non-originating telecasters may originate live programming from the field pregame in a designated roped-off area until approximately 45 minutes before kickoff. Live programming may resume postgame after the teams have cleared the field and ESPN has concluded its live coverage from the site, at which time television stations or networks may use up to three minutes of footage for television news highlight purposes during the 72 hours after the game. All footage must contain the ESPN logo throughout and must be accompanied by the graphic "Courtesy ESPN."

Please contact the Orange Bowl Communications staff with specific questions.

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