



# ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

## 2021 SOFTBALL MEDIA INFORMATION

### PRIMARY CONTACT

The Mississippi State Communications Department is here to serve the media throughout the 2020 Bulldog softball season. Media members in need of assistance can contact Brian Ogden in the Communications office at (662) 325-8040 or by cell at (972) 977-7459.

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### SOFTBALL MEDIA PORTAL

Mississippi State has created an online portal for media members covering the Bulldogs' softball program. To access the portal, visit [hailst.at/SBMedia](http://hailst.at/SBMedia). To request login information, contact Brian Ogden.

The Softball Press Box Page of [HailState.com](http://HailState.com) will include links to media guides, quick facts, game notes, box scores, recaps, pool photography, team and staff headshots and postgame Zoom links.

### PRESS BOX SERVICES

Consistent with the SEC's COVID-19 policies, press box capacity will be limited to 50 percent of available seating. Seats will be assigned in a socially distanced manner, and masks covering the nose and mouth are required at all times when not actively eating or drinking. A pregame meal is also served in the press box approximately one hour prior to each game.

### RADIO BROADCASTS

The Nusz Park press box houses radio lines to support home and visitor radio broadcasts. For more information on the phone lines, please contact Brian Ogden in the Communications office.

Radio workspace will be contingent on available seating, but MSU will make every effort to accommodate visiting radio broadcasts.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS / VIDEOGRAPHERS

Consistent with the SEC's COVID-19 policies, a limited number of photographers and videographers will be permitted to shoot at Nusz Park outside of the established buffer zone. Those wishing to shoot a game must request access at least 24 hours before the game.

The SEC and Mississippi State will provide pool photography for at least one game from each SEC series. To access the SEC's media FTP, contact [licensing@xosdigital.com](mailto:licensing@xosdigital.com).

### MSU PLAYER/COACH AVAILABILITY

Players and coaches will be made available to the media upon request. Those wishing to set up an interview must contact Brian Ogden via phone or e-mail at least 48 hours prior to the desired interview time. On gameday, players and coaches are only available postgame.

In most cases, players will be available for a brief time before and after practices which are typically scheduled for 2:30-5:30 p.m. each weekday. A weekly schedule is available in each set of game notes.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all interviews will be conducted via telephone or Zoom.

Media members are NOT permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time. This includes phone, Email, text or through social media platforms. Student-athletes' contact information will not be given out.

### POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Requested MSU players, along with head coach Samantha Ricketts, will be available for a postgame media session via Zoom approximately 25 minutes after home games only.

The Mississippi State locker room, indoor facility and field dugouts are closed to the media.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Breaking news, game updates and behind-the-scenes moments can be found on Mississippi State softball's various social media platforms by following @HailStateSB on Twitter and Instagram.