MISSISSIPPI STATE
BASKETBALL

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MEDIA CREDENTIALS

» For a majority of media members, credentials will be single-game access for both men's and women's basketball for the 2026-27 season.
» Media are advised to follow all credential deadlines and are asked to apply online at: **https://hailst.at/MBKWBKCredentials**
» Only credential requests completed through the online system will be honored.
» In most cases, media will receive a confirmation email no later than 48/72 hours after making their initial credential request.
» In limited cases, credential approval may not be determined until after the deadline has passed due to spacing.
» Credential priority will be given to those media members who cover State athletics on a regular basis.
» Media members are strongly encouraged to resubmit their credential request and follow up with an email only if they **DO NOT** receive a confirmation email from Matt Dunaway (men) and Will Simmons (women) no later than 48/72 hours of the initial request.
» **Matt's contact information is (727) 215-3857 or mdunaway@athletics.msstate.edu; whereas Will can be reached at (662) 297-6734 or wsimmons@athletics.msstate.edu.**
» **The initial media credential deadline for State's non-conference games from Nov. 2-Dec. 28, which also includes games in Jackson (men) is Thursday, October 30th at 5 p.m. CT.**
» Future SEC single game credential requests and credential deadline dates will be communicated via email from Matt and Will in early December.
» If you miss any deadline, we will accept credential requests up to 48 hours prior to tipoff. However, approval **IS NOT** guaranteed.

PARKING

» A driving route for media to enter the Leo Seal Parking Lot by the football complex is attached on page 2 of this packet.
» Parking passes will be distributed on a game-by-game basis, generally the week ahead of gameday. All passes are digital, and there will be no hard passes distributed.
» There is a limited number of media parking spots available. If your plans change and you're not able to attend a game, please reject the parking pass on your phone. That way another one of your fellow media members who doesn't have parking can utilize.
» Additional paid parking can be found in the North Garage, McArthur Hall and at the State Soccer Complex. A full parking map is attached on page 2 of this packet.

MEDIA ENTRANCE ▪ MEDIA WILL CALL ▪ BAG CHECK

» **Media will call is located inside the double glass doors NEXT TO the West Entrance/ Premium glass doors. See the walking path map on page 3 from the media parking lot to media will call which takes you around the third base/home plate side of Dudy Noble Field.**
» Media can pick up credentials starting 90 minutes prior to tipoff.
» Please be prepared to show valid ID upon picking up credentials.
» Please be prepared as all bags will be searched and tagged at media will call.
» The clear bag policy **DOES NOT** apply to credentialed media, but please be mindful that your bags will be subject to being searched and tagged.

MEDIA SEATING

» Once again, media seating is located by assigned seat number in section 222 and can access their seats by entering through Portal H on the concourse..
» Media are asked to read the seating chart which is located at the media will call table and on the railings of section 222 to find their seat location.

MEDIA FOOD

» Once again, media food will be a voucher system for the 2026-27 season. Your food and drink vouchers will be given to you by a member of our student staff at media will call.
» **The concession stands will open approximately 75 minutes before tipoff for media. Please take advantage of the early window as fans enter the arena 60 minutes before tipoff.**
» A map of concession and restroom locations is on page 4 of this packet.
» Media members are asked to return to their assigned seat in section 222 after picking up their meal.

GAMEDAY INFORMATION ▪ STAYING GREEN

» State communications **WILL NOT** provide printed materials such as game notes or statistics in-game.
» **Only flip card rosters are available for pickup at media will call while supplies last. The flip card also is available online at each team's press box page.**
» In-game stats will be available online courtesy of Stat Broadcast.
» Wireless network information for State Media can be found on your seat place card.
» Any additional information which includes postgame items for home and road games can be found via each team's media portal online at www.HailState.com
» A final box score will be provided postgame in the press conference room. Full game books will be available at each team's press box page after all games.

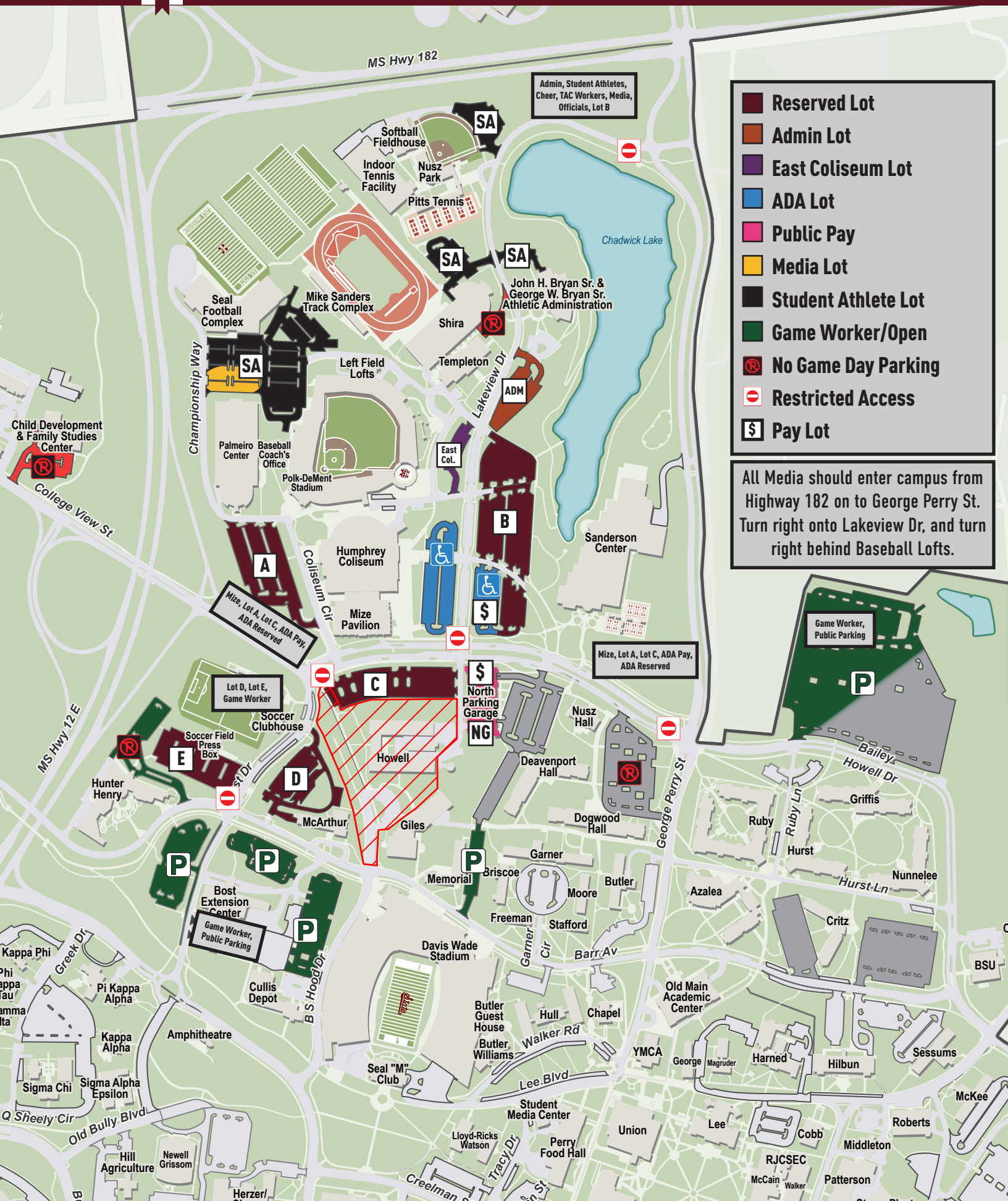
POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

» **The postgame press conference room is located on the SECOND FLOOR which can be accessed from the concourse through the glass double doors between Portals F and G.**
» To access the postgame press conference room from Section 222, media are asked to walk down the stairs through the concourse and access the stairwell/elevator through the glass doors between Portals F and G.
» **DO NOT walk down through the stands and attempt to access the media room through the courtside club area or through the home/visiting team hallways.**
» On the men's side, the postgame press conference format includes bringing one or two select State student-athletes followed by Coach Jans.
» The women's program will either follow the postseason postgame protocol where Coach Purcell will make an opening statement followed by questions for the one or two select student-athletics. Once the one or two student-athletes are dismissed, Coach Purcell will then answer questions.
» Similar to the men's program, the women's team also may elect for Coach Purcell and their one or two student-athletes to go separately for select games.
» In non-conference play for men's basketball, expect the coaches postgame radio interview. In SEC play and against power 4 non-conference opponents, most teams elect to conduct their own press conference in the Golf Conference Room which is located across the hall from State's postgame press conference room. Media are asked to follow the appropriate signage.
» In SEC play and against power 4 non-conference opponents for the women, the visiting team will more than likely make an appearance in the postgame press conference either before or after State.
» If a visiting women's team **DOES NOT** make an appearance in State's postgame press conference room, a member from our student staff will record their coaches postgame radio audio for distribution **WHEN AVAILABLE**.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS ▪ COURT ACCESS

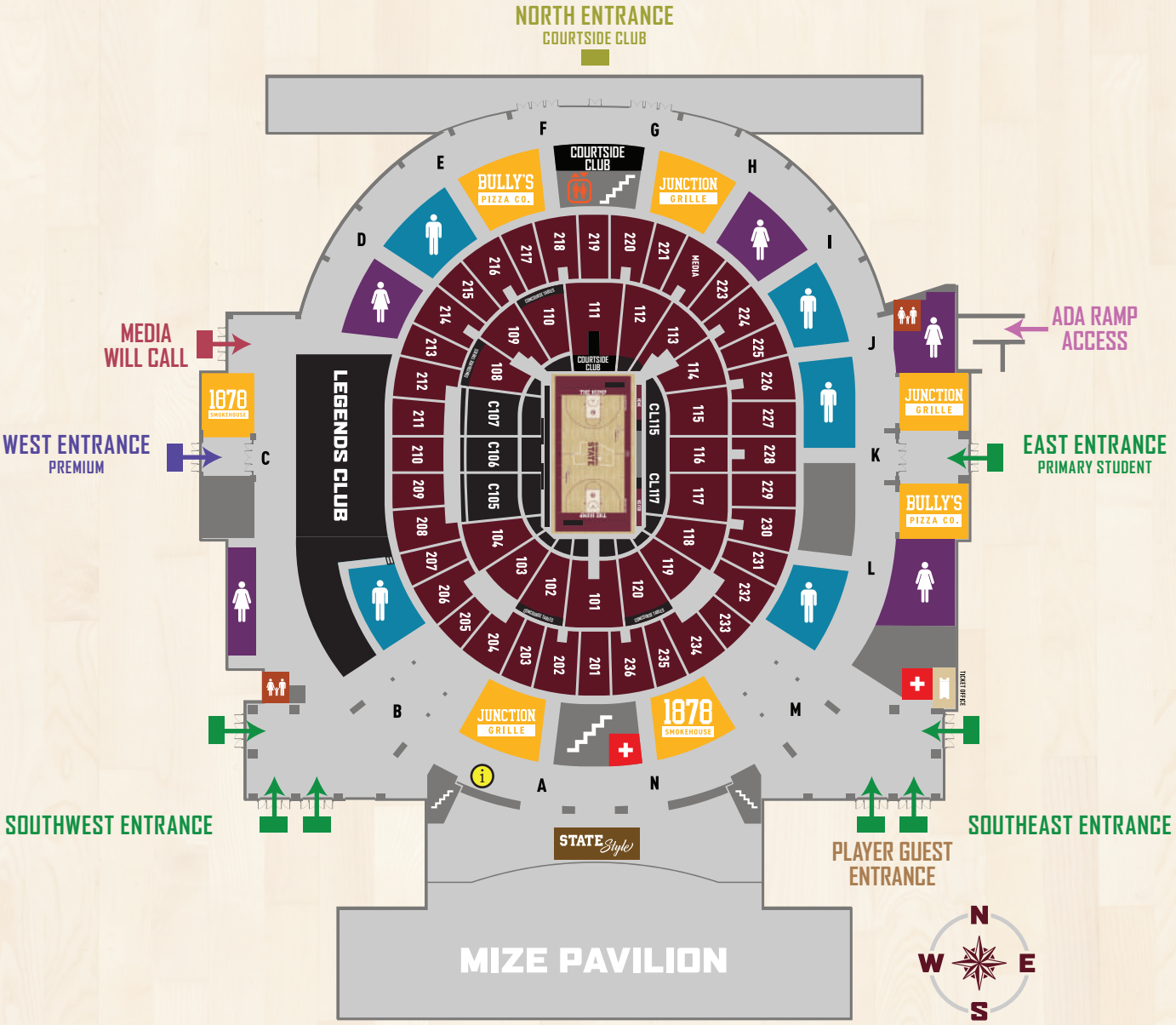
» Certain courtside spots will be reserved for State's Creative Staff, Visiting Team Creative Staff and Television Network Broadcast personnel.
» **All remaining courtside media spots are available on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. Media are asked to sit inside the black painted photo boxes.**
» **Media is NOT ALLOWED to shoot behind the team bench areas AT ANY TIME.**
» **Media are ASKED TO WAIT UNTIL THE DESIGNATED MEDIA TIMEOUTS to change sides of the floor and are asked to WALK IN FRONT OF the television table in-front of the courtside seating section.**
» **DO NOT walk by the team bench/scores table side.**
» To access the postgame press conference room from the court, media is asked to walk up the stairs between sections 111 and 112 to the concourse and access the stairwell/elevator through the glass doors between Portals F and G.
» **DO NOT attempt to access the media room through the courtside club or through the home/ visiting team hallways.**

2026-2027 BASKETBALL PARKING MAP




Seal Football Complex
Shira
Bryan
Templeton
Palmerio Center
Polk-DeMent Stadium
Media Checkin
Humphrey Coliseum
Mize Pavilion
Bailey Howell Dr.

2026-2027 HUMPHREY COLISEUM MAP



ENTRANCE KEY

- PUBLIC ENTRANCES
- WEST ENTRANCE- PREMIUM
- NORTH ENTRANCE- COURTSIDE CLUB

VISITING TEAM ALLOTMENT

119	Row A: 1-6 Row B: 1-6	206	Row 5: 1-13 Row 6: 1-13 Row 7: 1-14 Row 8: 1-14 Row 9: 1-14 Row 10: 1-15 Row 11: 1-5

IN-VENUE KEY

- CONCESSIONS
- MEN'S RESTROOMS
- WOMEN'S RESTROOMS
- FAMILY RESTROOMS
- MEDIA WILL CALL
- GAMEDAY INFORMATION LOST & FOUND
- FIRST AID
- TICKET OFFICE
- STATE STYLE
- STAIRS
- ELEVATOR