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Notes to the Media

All media, with the exception of the live network telecast crew, will work from the 9th level of the press box.

Media can access the press box only through the designated elevator in the northwest tower of the University Center. Media should proceed down Stadium Drive after parking and move towards Gate B in the northwest corner of the endzone. Do not enter the stadium, however, as you must proceed to the right and enter through the external doors marked “Press Entrance.”

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

All requests for working press, radio, television, photography or scouting credentials should be directed to Sports Information Director Tina Thomas no later than four days prior to the game. Requests for season credentials should be made at least two weeks prior to the first game.

Space for the working press, radio and television is allocated by the FSU Sports Information Office.

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS

The media headquarters hotel for Florida State football will be the Hampton Inn and Suites located at 3388 Lonnbladh Road. Most media functions, including the Sunday morning “Breakfast with Bobby,” will be held at the Hampton Inn (850-574-4900). The FSU sports information office has a limited number of rooms set aside for accredited media during home football weekends.

Contact Maryjane Gardner of the SID office at (850/644-2016) to make reservations for these rooms. Priority will be determined in the same manner spelled out under “press policies.”

RADIO–TV

Florida State will host network television and both home and visiting radio in booths in the press box. Network television (or the network broadcasting live) will be working from a mid-field booth on the 8th Level (one below working press). Both home and visiting radio will broadcast from booths at the south end of the 9th level.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Only accredited photographers and those shooting for the FSU Sports Information Office will be issued working credentials.

Florida State reserves the right to admit only those photographers deemed to be on the premises for legitimate media purposes. All photographers working FSU games should be prepared to show a media ID card and equipment designed to photograph major college football.

Florida State uses a double photo line system on its sidelines. Only those photographers actually shooting the game will be allowed on the “front” line. These shooters will be given photo armbands upon check-in to allow them front line access. All other photo personnel will be required to stay behind a second line so as not to obstruct the view of the shooters. This would include grips, runners and sideline reporters. Violation of the double-line system will result in removal from the sideline. No media personnel are allowed in the team area of the sidelines at any time during a game.

Sideline passes for local television will be severely curtailed for televised games and each station will be restricted to two passes. Still photographers may have access to the sidelines only. Those holding a photography credential should report to the Press Box where they will be issued an armband, rosters and a pre-game meal. The only access to the field is through the gate at the northwest corner of the stadium near Gate A.

VIDEO SERVICES

Florida State’s Sports Information Office has the ability to assist networks and television stations by providing video services through Seminole Productions, Inc. (SPI). The FSU athletics department has a working relationship with SPI and its general manager, Mark Rodin. Seminole Productions has editing and studio facilities on site and can produce material upon request. In most cases, there will be a nominal fee charged for these services. Please call
Press Parking

Once again, parking is limited in 2007 and passes will be issued on a priority basis within the same guidelines as working credentials. NOTE: Press parking is approximately 600 yards from the press box.

Telephone Services

Telephone service should be secured directly through the Florida State University Office of Telecommunications at 850/644-4357. Have them contact the Sports Information Office for location. The Telecommunications Office can provide both wires and phones. Orders can also be placed on-line at www.otc.fsu.edu. Please make sure to request phone lines at least three days prior to the game.

Fax Service

An independent fax service will be available for each game. Please contact a member of the Sports Information Office staff during the game to secure post-game fax service.

Interviews

Media interviews with all FSU players MUST be arranged through the Sports Information Office. Contact Elliott Finebloom (850) 644-0615 to arrange interviews with players or assistant coaches. If you are requesting coach Bowden, contact Sports Information Director Tina Thomas (850) 644-1065. Please give at least one day advance notice when requesting players for mid-week interviews. Player’s phone numbers will not be given to the media and players should not be called directly.

A weekly interview schedule for select players will be established within the first two weeks of classes. Players and coaches will also be available for a brief period on the field prior to the game.

ACC Media Services

The 12 ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly conference call each Wednesday from August 29th to November 14th. The final call of the season will be on Tuesday, November 20th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The call runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The ACC also provides a weekly satellite feed of video highlights and taped interviews. Contact the ACC office for further information on the conference call or the satellite feed at 336-851-6062.

Conference Call

For road games, media may talk to coach Bowden the next day via conference call. Contact a member of the Sports Information Office during the previous day’s game for further information.

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