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THE ROAD TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY NCAA FINAL FOUR ANNOUNCED
DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2011-13 SITES;
EIGHT PREVIOUS FINAL FOUR HOST CITIES SELECTED TO MARK
THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY OF "NCAA MARCH MADNESS"

INDIANAPOLIS---Eight cities that have hosted the NCAA Men's Final Four during its storied history were selected today by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee to host the event's 75th Anniversary in 2013.

Several cities and venues with significance in the annals of championship history were selected to host preliminary rounds in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In all, the committee selected 36 cities over the three-year period. Additionally, three future Final Four host cities were designated to host a regional round a year prior to in order to assist in Final Four operations planning.

"Having recently completed the Final Four site selection process, the committee knew this would be a challenge," said Dan Guerrero, director of athletics at UCLA and current basketball committee chair. "We received some 70 bids and each city could, justifiably, provide a quality championship experience for the student-athletes. Interest remains incredibly high in hosting the championship."

2011 Championship

The 2011 championship includes a vast majority of cities that have served as hosts during this decade. An exception is first-/second-round host Tulsa, which opened the BOK Center in 2008, but has

not hosted since 1985. Charlotte ranks third among cities with the most tournament games in history, having served as host 20 times since 1958. Remaining 2011 first- and second-round host cities, each multiple-time hosts, include Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Tampa, Tucson and Washington, D.C.

Regional sites for 2011 are Anaheim, which will host for the fifth time since 1998; San Antonio, which has hosted seven times in the past 13 years; Newark, which will host for the first time in the city's history; and New Orleans, which has hosted 10 times previously.

The 2011 Final Four will be played in Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

2012 Championship

First- and second-round sites in 2012 include Albuquerque, Columbus, Greensboro, Louisville, Nashville, Omaha, Pittsburgh and Portland. Louisville, which will host for the 13th time, has not hosted the championship since 1991.

Atlanta will prepare for the 2013 Final Four by hosting the South Regional in 2012, marking the 20th time the city has hosted the men's basketball championship, including Final Fours in 1977, 2002 and 2007. Phoenix will host its fourth regional in 2012. The other two regional hosts are Boston, which has hosted the tournament three times previously, and St. Louis, which has hosted three Final Fours and seven regional rounds.

The 2012 Final Four will be played in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

2013 Championship

Recognizing that 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the championship, the committee selected venues and cities which have served as the backdrop to great tournament moments such as North

Carolina's triple-overtime win in the 1957 championship game in Kansas City, Villanova's upset of Georgetown in Lexington in the 1985 title game, the Duke-Kentucky classic in the 1992 East Regional final in Philadelphia, and hundreds of other plays, players and games that are deep-seated in tournament history.

Auburn Hills, Austin, Dayton, Kansas City, Lexington, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, and San Jose were selected to host first- and second-rounds, and Indianapolis, Los Angeles and North Texas were chosen for the regional rounds. Auburn Hills and San Jose both earned bids for the fourth time since 1997, while Austin was selected for the sixth time since 1981. Los Angeles has hosted the championship 11 times, including two Final Fours, but has not served as a host city since 1994, while North Texas will prepare for the 2014 Final Four with a regional at Cowboys Stadium.

Kansas City, which has served as host to 28 tournaments, including 10 Final Fours, was also selected for 2013. With Indianapolis, Lexington, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City and Final Four host Atlanta having each staged more than 75 tournament games, the 2013 championship will feature seven of the top nine cities for most tournament games hosted of all time.

Dayton, which has hosted the opening round game since its inception in 2001 and will do so through 2013, has hosted 23 times in the tournament's history. One regional site will remain unnamed while details are being finalized.

The 2013 Final Four will be played in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia.

"It's no accident that cities which have been part of the rich history of this championship were selected to return in 2013," said Guerrero. "The 2013 championship will be a nationwide celebration of 'March Madness,' its tremendous history and the fan following of one the world's best sporting events."

2011 Division I Men's Basketball Championship

Dates, Rounds	City, State	Facility	Host(s)	Times Hosted (through 2009)
March 15 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton	23
March 17/19 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Denver, CO	Pepsi Center	Mountain West Conference	7
March 17/19 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Tampa, FL	St. Pete Times Forum	University of South Florida	3
March 17/19 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Tucson, AZ	McKale Center	University of Arizona	11
March 17/19 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Washington, DC	Verizon Center	Georgetown University	4
March 18/20 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Charlotte, NC	Time Warner Cable Arena	University of North Carolina-Charlotte	20
March 18/20 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Chicago, IL	United Center	Big Ten Conference	6
March 18/20 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Cleveland, OH	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland State University	2
March 18/20 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Tulsa, OK	BOK Center	University of Tulsa	5
March 24/26 West Regional	Anaheim, CA	Honda Center	Big West Conference	4
March 24/26 Southeast Regional	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Superdome	Tulane University	10
March 25/27 East Regional	Newark, NJ	Prudential Center	Seton Hall University	0
March 25/27 Southwest Regional	San Antonio, TX	Alamodome	University of Texas-San Antonio	7

2012 Division I Men's Basketball Championship

Dates, Rounds	City, State	Facility	Host(s)	Times Hosted (through 2009)
March 13 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton	23
March 15/17 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Albuquerque, NM	The Pit	University of New Mexico	9
March 15/17 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Louisville, KY	Louisville Arena	University of Louisville	12
March 15/17 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Pittsburgh, PA	Consol Energy Center	Duquesne University	2
March 15/17 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Portland, OR	Rose Garden Arena	University of Oregon	5
March 16/18 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Columbus, OH	Nationwide Arena	Ohio State University	4
March 16/18 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Greensboro, NC	Greensboro Coliseum	Atlantic Coast Conference	12
March 16/18 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Nashville, TN	Sommet Center	Ohio Valley Conference	7
March 16/18 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Omaha, NE	Qwest Center	Creighton University	2
March 22/24 East Regional	Boston, MA	TD Garden	Boston College	3
March 22/24 West Regional	Phoenix, AZ	US Airways Center	Arizona State University	3
March 23/25 South Regional	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Dome	Georgia Institute of Technology	19
March 23/25 Midwest Regional	St. Louis, MO	Edward Jones Dome	St. Louis University	11

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Dates, Rounds	City, State	Facility	Host(s)	Times Hosted (through 2009)
March 19 Opening Round	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton	23
March 21/23 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Auburn Hills, MI	Palace of Auburn Hills	Oakland University	3
March 21/23 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Lexington, KY	Rupp Arena	University of Kentucky	21
March 21/23 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Salt Lake City, UT	Energy Solutions Arena	University of Utah	16
March 21/23 1 st /2 nd Rounds	San Jose, CA	HP Pavilion	West Coast Conference	3
March 22/24 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Austin, TX	Frank Erwin Center	University of Texas	5
March 22/24 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Dayton, OH	UD Arena	University of Dayton	23
March 22/24 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Kansas City, MO	Sprint Center	TBD	28
March 22/24 1 st /2 nd Rounds	Philadelphia, PA	Wachovia Center	Temple University	26
March 28/30 West Regional	Los Angeles, CA	Staples Center	Pepperdine University	11
March 28/30 East Regional	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 29/31 South Regional	Arlington/Dallas/ Fort Worth, TX	Cowboys Stadium	Big 12 Conference	15
March 29/31 Midwest Regional	Indianapolis, IN	Lucas Oil Stadium	Butler University/ IUPUI/ Horizon League	18