

2009 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR® FACTS AND FIGURES

Dates: Sunday and Tuesday, April 5 and 7

Site: Scottrade Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Women's Final Four seating capacity:
20,551

Host:
Missouri Valley Conference

Game Times (subject to change):
Semifinals – 7 & 9:30 p.m. EST on ESPN
Championship – 8:30 p.m. EST on ESPN

Television Broadcast: For the seventh consecutive year, ESPN and ESPN2 will broadcast all 63 games of the 2009 Division I Women's Basketball Championship. The network will offer whiparound-styled coverage of the first- and second-round games to most of the nation with regionalized/protected coverage in the home markets of the competing teams. All regional and Women's Final Four games will be televised in high definition. This marks the 14th straight year (since 1996) ESPN is the championship's exclusive television home.

Radio Broadcast: Westwood One, a subsidiary of CBS parent company Viacom, Inc., will serve as the official radio home of the Women's Final Four. This will mark the 24th straight year (since 1986) the final three games of the tournament will be broadcast to a national radio audience. Last year, the NCAA Radio Network comprised of 170 stations in 64 of the top 100 markets nationwide.

For the fourth straight year, Westwood One will also broadcast all four regional final games nationally as well.

Internet: www.NCAA.com will serve as the definitive Internet source for the Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

Women's Final Four attendance history:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>SEMIS</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
1982	Norfolk	6,000	9,531
1983	Norfolk	8,866	7,387
1984	Los Angeles	6,172	5,365
1985	Austin	7,648	7,597
1986	Lexington	9,894	5,662
1987	Austin	15,615	15,615
1988	Tacoma	8,719	8,448
1989	Tacoma	9,030	9,758

NOTES

Celebrating History

2009 will mark the 28th year of NCAA women's championships and 103 years as an association. The 28th edition of the Women's Final Four takes place in St. Louis, Missouri at the Scottrade Center.

Sold Out

With the sellout of the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa Bay, the 2008 Women's Final Four recorded the 17th sellout in the event's history. The sellout was the 16th consecutive sellout for the showcase weekend of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. The 15 previous sellouts were: Austin (1987); Atlanta (1993); Richmond, Va. (1994); Minneapolis, Minn. (1995); Charlotte, N.C. (1996); Cincinnati (1997); Kansas City, Mo. (1998); San Jose, Calif. (1999); Philadelphia (2000); St. Louis (2001); San Antonio (2002); Atlanta (2003); New Orleans (2004), Indianapolis (2005), Boston (2006) and Cleveland (2007).

Attendance

The attendance for all games during the 2008 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship was the best since 2004, the last time that 16 pre-determined sites were used for first- and second-round games, a format that will be implemented for the 2009 championship.

By the numbers

2 -- The number of schools from Missouri that have advanced to the Women's Final Four in its 27-year history. Missouri State advanced to the Women's Final Four in both 1992 and 2001.

2 -- The 2009 Women's Final Four in St. Louis will mark the second time that the city has hosted the event, with Connecticut, Notre Dame, Missouri St. and Purdue advancing in 2001. Notre Dame won the 2001 national championship with a 68-66 win over Purdue.

3 -- The state of Missouri will be hosting its third Women's Final Four in 2009, after St. Louis hosted the event in 2001 at the Savvis Center (now Scottrade Center), with Kansas City's Kemper Arena serving as the host site in 1998.

13 -- In the 27 previous Women's Final Fours, 13 different teams have captured the national championship, led by Tennessee with eight and Connecticut with five. Tennessee is the two-time defending national champion.

1990	Knoxville	19,467	20,023
1991	New Orleans	7,931	7,865
1992	Los Angeles	12,421	12,072
1993	Atlanta	16,141	16,141
1994	Richmond	11,966	11,966
1995	Minneapolis	18,038	18,038
1996	Charlotte	23,291	23,291
1997	Cincinnati	16,714	16,714
1998	Kansas City	17,976	17,976
1999	San Jose	17,733	17,733
2000	Philadelphia	20,060	20,060
2001	St. Louis	20,551	20,551
2002	San Antonio	29,619	29,619
2003	Atlanta	28,210	28,210
2004	New Orleans	18,211	18,211
2005	Indianapolis	28,937	28,937
2006	Boston	18,642	18,642
2007	Cleveland	20,704	20,704
2008	Tampa Bay	21,655	21,655

Women's Final Four media credentials history:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>MEDIA CREDENTIALS</u>
1982	Norfolk	37
1983	Norfolk	87
1984	Los Angeles	148
1985	Austin	126
1986	Lexington	206
1987	Austin	144
1988	Tacoma	271
1989	Tacoma	310
1990	Knoxville	285
1991	New Orleans	303
1992	Los Angeles	300
1993	Atlanta	148
1994	Richmond	382
1995	Minneapolis	524
1996	Charlotte	549
1997	Cincinnati	637
1998	Kansas City	491
1999	San Jose	494
2000	Philadelphia	692
2001	St. Louis	592
2002	San Antonio	403
2003	Atlanta	478
2004	New Orleans	423
2005	Indianapolis	460
2006	Boston	620
2007	Cleveland	589
2008	Tampa Bay	630

Women's Final Four ticket information:

Approximately 7,000 tickets will be allocated to the general public through the random drawing for the 2009 Women's Final Four. This represents the 12th Women's Final Four (since 1998) that a

computerized random drawing has been used to allocate the general public tickets. Applications are typically received from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The remaining tickets are reserved for the four participating institutions, the host institution/local organizing committee, members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and representatives of the NCAA membership and affiliated entities (i.e., Division I conferences, member institutions, committees, NCAA corporate champions/partners and ESPN).

Women's Final Four ticket prices history:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TICKET PRICES</u>
1982	Norfolk	\$ 5 & 7
1983	Norfolk	\$ 5 & 7
1984	Los Angeles	\$10 & 12
1985	Austin	\$16 & 20
1986	Lexington	\$24
1987	Austin	\$20 & 25
1988	Tacoma	\$ 9 & 14
1989	Tacoma	\$10 & 14
1990	Knoxville	\$12.50 & 15
1991	New Orleans	\$25 & 30
1992	Los Angeles	\$30 & 36
1993	Atlanta	\$31 & 36
1994	Richmond	\$40
1995	Minneapolis	\$42
1996	Charlotte	\$45
1997	Cincinnati	\$75
1998	Kansas City	\$75
1999	San Jose	\$90
2000	Philadelphia	\$90
2001	St. Louis	\$100
2002	San Antonio	\$90 & \$120
2003	Atlanta	\$120
2004	New Orleans	\$130
2005	Indianapolis	\$130
2006	Boston	\$140
2007	Cleveland	\$142
2008	Tampa Bay	\$162
2009	St. Louis	\$162

