

**2008 Citizens Bank Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Men's and Women's Basketball Championships
March 6-10
Times Union Center, Albany, N.Y.**

Requesting Credentials:

Please read the following guidelines for requesting media credentials for the 2008 Citizens Bank MAAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, complete the attached application form, and return it to the MAAC office by Thursday, February 14, 2008, to:

**Jill Skotarczak
Assistant Commissioner/Media Relations
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
712 Amboy Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837-3557
(732) 738-5455, ext. 105
(732) 738-8366 fax
E-mail: jill.skotarczak@maac.org**

Credentials may be picked up at the Times Union Center. Please enter through the box office.

Credentials:

Only accredited media, as approved by the MAAC, will be issued credentials to the 2008 Citizens Bank MAAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships. Those who are issued credentials will receive a media pass (permitting access to press row, media rooms, interview rooms, and hospitality rooms). All passes must be worn for admittance to these areas. Any violation of the guidelines associated with the media credentials shall result in the forfeiture of the same. No exceptions will be made.

Meals:

Your press credential will also serve as your meal tickets during the tournament. Credentials must be presented in order to eat at the media buffet. No credential, No buffet!

Parking Passes:

No parking passes are available for the games at the Times Union Center. There are parking garages adjacent to the arena.

Tournament Headquarters:

The Crowne Plaza Albany-City Center is the 2008 Citizens Bank MAAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships headquarters. The media rate is \$109 per night, plus tax. For reservations, please contact:

**Tom Daubney, Director of Sales
Crowne Plaza Albany-City Center
State and Lodge Streets
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 427-3067
Ask for "MAAC Media" block**

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Press Conference:

The MAAC will hold a press conference beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, in the Exhibition Hall at the Times Union Center. At this time, the MAAC will announce its post-season honors for the Pepsi Players of the Year, Rookies of the Year, The Rock Coaches of the Year, Sixth Players of the Year and Defensive Players of the Year. All honorees will be present for interviews.

Practice Sessions:

Media is allowed to attend the men's championship game practices the afternoon of Monday, March 10.

Telephone and ISDN Lines:

Telephones will be provided for the media in the Working Media Room of the Times Union Center. All calls by members of the media must be collect or credit card calls. Media requesting telephone or ISDN lines at their press row seat should indicate such on the credential application **AND** contact **Jill Skotarczak** at the MAAC at (732) 738-5455, ext. 105. The fee for phone lines is **\$150 per day** for the entire championship. Checks can be made payable to the Times Union Center.

Photographers:

Strobes may be installed at the facility only with the permission of the Times Union Center. Photographers receiving permission must adhere to established arena regulations. Requests must be made in writing to **Jill Skotarczak** at the MAAC at jill.skotarczak@maac.org.

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MEDIA REQUEST FORM

**Please return by February 14, 2008!!!
(by e-mail or fax)**

Media Agency _____
 Sports Editor/Director Making Request _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____
 E-Mail _____

PRINT MEDIA

A limited number of seats will be available at courtside. Seats will be assigned per the priority established by the sports editor/director. Please list names in order of priority. Check appropriate column:

Priority	Writer	Phone Line*	Still Photographer	
	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Line*</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Tech/editor</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Media desiring telephones at courtside should contact Jill Skotarczak at the MAAC at 732-738-5455, ext. 105 or jill.skotarczak@maac.org. The media coordinator will make sure the telephone line is installed at the appropriate courtside location. The fee for phone lines is **\$150 per day** for the entire championship. Checks can be made payable to the Times Union Center.

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ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Please list names in order of priority. Check appropriate column:

<i>Priority</i>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Radio*/TV Talent</u>	<u>TV Camera Operator</u>	<u>TV Tech/Truck Driver</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Radio crews desiring telephone or ISDN lines at courtside should contact Jill Skotarczak at the MAAC at 732-738-5455, ext. 105 or jill.skotarczak@maac.org. The media coordinator will make sure the line is installed at the appropriate courtside location. The fee for phone or ISDN lines is **\$150 per day** for the entire championship. Checks can be made payable to the Times Union Center.

POST-GAME BOX

If you would like a post-game box faxed, please write fax number here: _____

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