

Rider Sports Communications Media Policy

The Rider University Sports Communications Office serves to facilitate communication between student-athletes, coaches and the media, including on-campus entities and student requests, to publicize the accomplishments and activities of student-athletes, teams and the University's Athletic Department. For the University-wide media policy, please see <https://www.rider.edu/news/university-marketing-communications/resources/policies-guides-manuals/media-access-policy>.

The Sports Communications Office will coordinate and organize all interviews for Rider student-athletes and coaches. The purpose of setting up interviews through Sports Communications is to ensure that student-athletes and coaches are informed and prepared for questions and concerns that may arise during the interview process and to ensure that all reporters have the correct news and statistical information as it pertains to the interviewee. Requesting the interviews in advance also allows scheduling of the interviews around class schedules and other team activities. Interview requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Student media are afforded the same editorial freedoms and privileges as external media.

Media credentials for writers, photographers and videographers are required for men's and women's basketball games and wrestling matches and must be requested at least 24 hours prior to each contest. Near the conclusion of each event, a member of the sports communications staff will collect postgame interview requests from members of the media in attendance. Postgame interviews will be conducted in a designated area following the NCAA-mandated 10-minute cooling off period. The locker room for all Rider teams is closed to the media.

While credentials are not required for all other sports, media interested in conducting interviews immediately following an athletic contest are asked to provide advance notice to the appropriate Sports Communications staff member (see sport responsibilities below) to ensure timely and effective coordination of the interviews.

It is preferred that interviews be conducted in a one-on-one fashion either before or after a practice or following a contest. All phone interviews will be conducted in the Sports Communications Office. Telephone numbers and email addresses for student-athletes, coaches and staff will not be distributed.

Please visit the [Sports Communications portion of the Staff Directory](#) on GoBroncs.com for the proper contacts for each sport.