BISHOP McGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETICS MEDIA CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School welcomes members of the media who provide coverage of BMCHS Athletics. These guidelines are intended to provide a safe and professional environment for student-athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and working media.

A media credential is a privilege granted by Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and does not guarantee unrestricted access to an athletic event or facility. BMCHS reserves the right to approve, deny, limit, or revoke media credentials at its discretion.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Media members seeking access to designated media areas must submit a credential request in advance through the BMCHS Media Credential Request Form.

Submission of a request does not guarantee approval. Credentials are intended for individuals actively working on behalf of a recognized media outlet, school publication, broadcast organization, photography service, or other organization approved by BMCHS.

Requests should be submitted by the deadline listed on the credential request page. Walk-up requests may not be accommodated.

CREDENTIAL TYPES

Season Credentials
Season credentials may be issued to approved organizations that regularly cover BMCHS Athletics. These credentials are assigned to the organization or program listed on the credential and may only be used by individuals authorized to represent that organization.

Single-Event Credentials
Single-event credentials are issued to approved media members for a specific event. These credentials are valid only for the event for which they were issued and may be required to be returned following the event.

Credentials may not be shared with or transferred to individuals who are not working on behalf of the organization for which the credential was issued.

CREDENTIAL DISPLAY

Media credentials must be worn and clearly visible at all times while accessing restricted or designated media areas.

Possession of a credential does not provide access to all areas of a BMCHS facility. Media members must remain within the areas authorized by their credential and follow instructions provided by BMCHS staff, administrators, security personnel, coaches, or game officials.

SIDELINE & FIELD ACCESS

Sideline and field access is limited to credentialed individuals with an approved working purpose.

Credentialed media must remain outside the playing surface and team areas unless specifically authorized by BMCHS. Media members may not enter team benches, locker rooms, huddles, coaching areas, or other restricted areas without prior approval.

For football games, credentialed media must remain outside the designated team box and maintain a safe distance from the playing field. Media members should remain aware of game action at all times and are responsible for their own safety while working near the field of play.

BMCHS staff or game officials may require media members to relocate at any time for safety or operational reasons.

PRESS BOX ACCESS

Press box access is limited and must be approved in advance.

Priority may be given to working broadcasters, reporters, statisticians, school personnel, and other individuals whose responsibilities require press box access.

A media credential does not automatically provide press box access unless specifically designated.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

Credentialed photographers and videographers must conduct their work in a manner that does not interfere with competition, officials, teams, spectators, or other working media.

Flash photography or additional lighting may be restricted when its use could interfere with competition.

Drones, remote cameras, tripods, lighting equipment, or other specialized equipment may require advance approval from BMCHS.

Credentialed access is intended for legitimate editorial, school, or otherwise approved coverage. Commercial use of photographs, video, or other content captured through credentialed access may require separate authorization from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School.

STUDENT-ATHLETES & INTERVIEWS

Media members should respect the privacy and responsibilities of BMCHS student-athletes.

Interviews should take place only after competition has concluded and should not interfere with team meetings, coaching responsibilities, academic responsibilities, or other postgame activities.

Access to locker rooms is prohibited unless specifically authorized by BMCHS.

Requests for interviews outside of the immediate postgame environment should be coordinated through the BMCHS Communications Department.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Credentialed media are expected to conduct themselves professionally and respectfully while covering BMCHS events.

Credential holders may not interfere with competition, confront officials, coaches, student-athletes, spectators, or other media members, or use their access for purposes unrelated to their approved coverage.

Media credentials do not provide complimentary admission for friends, family members, assistants, or other individuals who have not been separately approved.

CREDENTIAL REVOCATION

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School reserves the right to revoke a media credential or remove an individual from a restricted media area at any time.

Failure to follow these guidelines, instructions from event personnel, or applicable facility and athletic association policies may result in immediate loss of media access and may affect approval of future credential requests.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding media credentials, access, photography, video, or coverage of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Athletics should be directed to the BMCHS Communications Department.

By accepting and using a BMCHS media credential, the credential holder acknowledges and agrees to follow these guidelines and all instructions provided by Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School personnel.