

# **2019 MEDIA GUIDELINES**

#### TRAINING SESSION INFORMATION

Media who plan to attend a training session are encouraged to alert the MNUFC Communications team by 6:00 p.m. CT the evening prior to the session.

- Sr. Director of Public Relations, Eric Durkee at eric.d@mnufc.com or 651.270.8755
- PR Manager, Gabriela Lozada at gabriela.l@mnufc.com or 952.649.0405

Media who have RSVP'd will be alerted to any changes in training field locations. MNUFC generally trains at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minnesota (1700 105th Ave NE Blaine, MN 55449). (See Map 1)

Media should plan to park in the North Main Lot or Lot A next to the Sports Hall at the National Sports Center. Parking in the back lot (Lot B) is prohibited.

Media will be allowed to photograph/film training for a minimum of 15 minutes either at the beginning or end of the session. MNUFC reserves the right to close a training session at any time.

All MNUFC players and coaches will be made available for interviews for 15 minutes upon the conclusion of each training session unless otherwise noted. *Media should let MNUFC Communications team know who they would like to speak with in their RSVP.* 

As per MLS Media Access Policy, the following actions may result in seizure of credential and/or ejection of its wearer from the training facility:

- Requesting autographs at any time.
- Taking personal photographs with players/coaches.
- Using credential for family or friends of working media members.
- Conducting unauthorized interviews.
- Unprofessional behavior (cheering in the press box, consumption of alcoholic beverages, failure to abide by posted rules, etc.).

#### GAMEDAY INFORMATION

To receive a press credential to an MNUFC game, submit a request via the form <u>at this link</u> no later than 48 hours prior to kickoff. Press credentials may be given on a single game or full-season basis. The above form must be submitted for every single game credential.

#### ALL MEDIA/PHOTO PERSONNEL:

Credentials and photo bibs can be picked up from the media entrance located at the southwest corner of Allianz Field beginning two hours prior to kickoff. Please be prepared to present photo identification upon arrival. MNUFC staff representatives at the check-in desk can help with any questions regarding access. (See Map 2)

The press box and working areas can be accessed via the elevators located near the media entrance. These areas will be open two hours prior to kickoff. The photo work room is located by the locker rooms and adjacent to the Field Club. To access the photo work room please consult the map below. (See Map 3)

Please use the southeast field tunnel for access to the pitch. There will be no other access points to the field of play. Media members are not to access the field from the player's tunnel located at half field on the west side of the stadium. (See Map 3) Footwear worn on-field should be adidas or unbranded.

When in front of pitch-side seats, photographers/media must not interfere with fans or their viewpoints in any way.

The post game press conference will be held in the press conference room/photo workstation by the locker rooms (See Map 3).

The MNUFC locker room will be open to media 15 minutes after the final whistle.





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#### MEDIA CREDENTIAL ONLY:

Only MNUFC staff can issue a credential to media/photo personnel.

Media with a credential have access to the press box, locker rooms and postgame press conference room G054 (See Map 3).

#### MEDIA CREDENTIAL AND GREEN PHOTO BIB:

In addition to a credential, MNUFC staff will issue a green bib to any media/photo personnel who have been granted on-field access (including all photographers/videographers).

- Media bibs MUST be visibly worn at all times on the sidelines.
- Please return this bib to Media Entry Desk upon exiting the building. (See Map 2).

Photographers must stay behind the 18-yard box (Green Zone - See Map 3) and outside of LED field boards during the game.

Photographers are allowed on the sidelines for a limited time:

• During non-play periods, such as pregame, starting XI photos and halftime.

Non-rights holding videographers are allowed to shoot video for the *first 15 minutes of each half.* This is limited to cameramen only, no on air talent.

#### MEDIA CREDENTIAL AND GOLD PHOTO BIB:

In addition to a credential and green bib, MNUFC staff will provide a gold bib for team photographers and limited media/photo personnel who have been granted extra privileges.

Photographers with gold bibs are allowed anywhere on the field during periods of non-play (pregame, halftime, etc.).

Photographers with gold bibs are allowed anywhere in designated sideline and endline spaces throughout the match.

Photographers with gold bibs must otherwise stay behind all field boards while the ball is in play (See Map 3).

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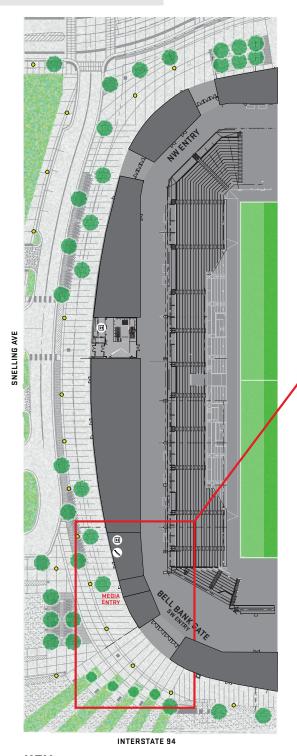
#### MNUFC TRAINING GROUNDS

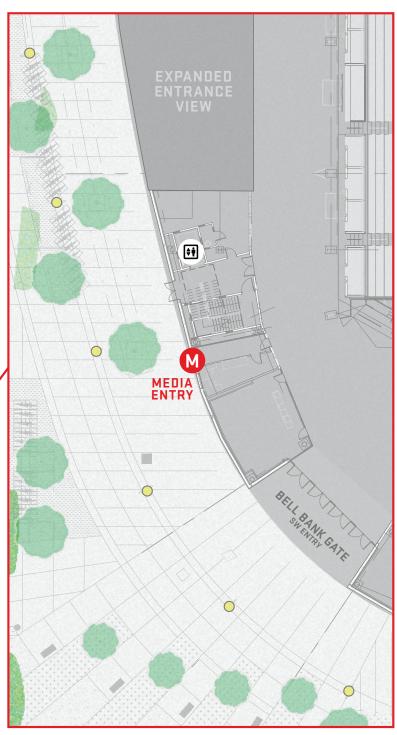


located between the dorms and the Sports Hall.



### **ENTRANCE MAP**





#### KEY:

■ ELEVATOR

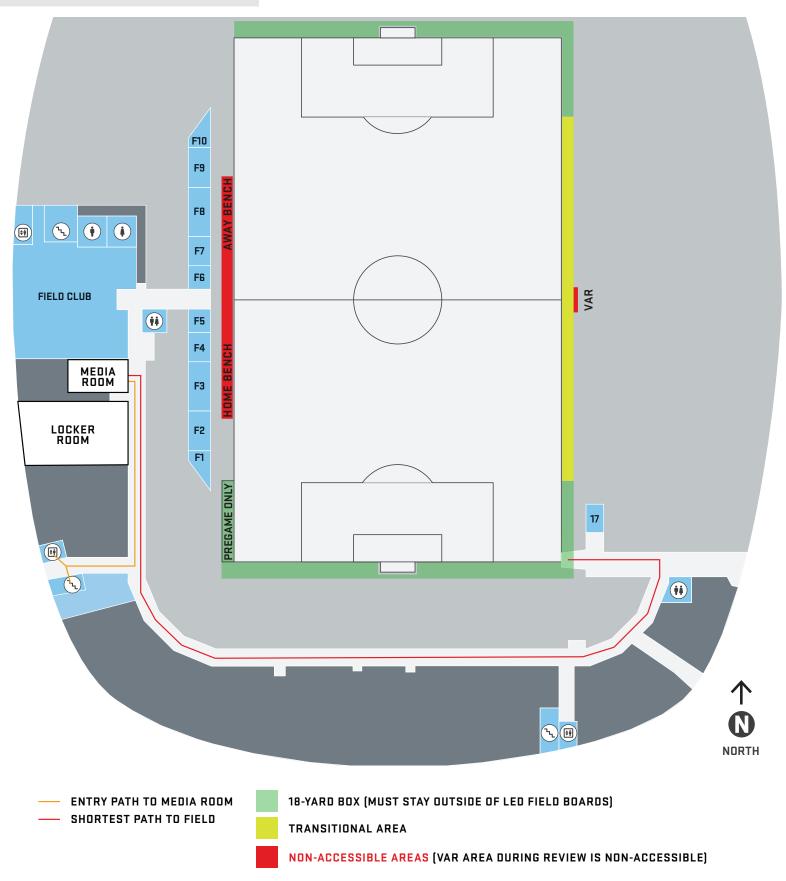
MEDIA ENTRY

LIGHT POSTBARRICADETREE





# LEVEL 0 - FIELD ENTRANCE



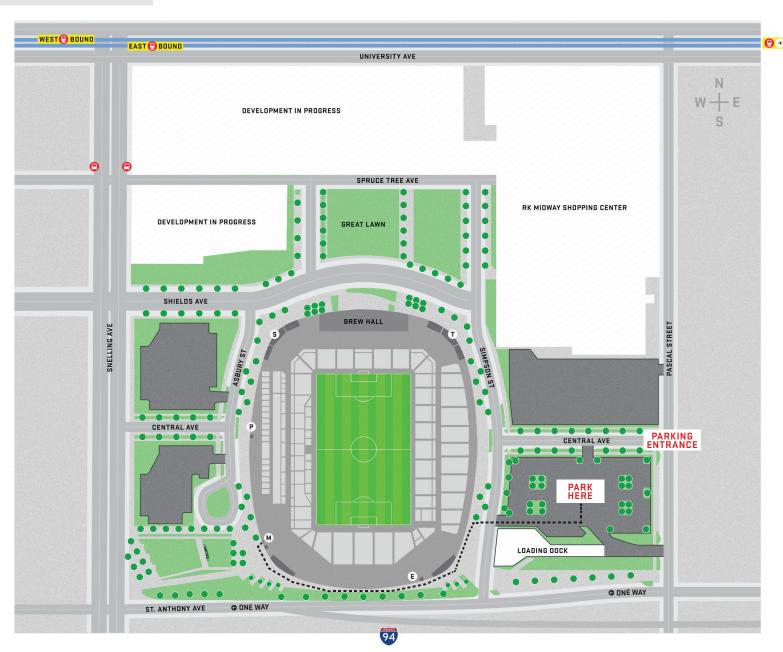


### **GENERAL SEATING MAP**





# PARKING MAP

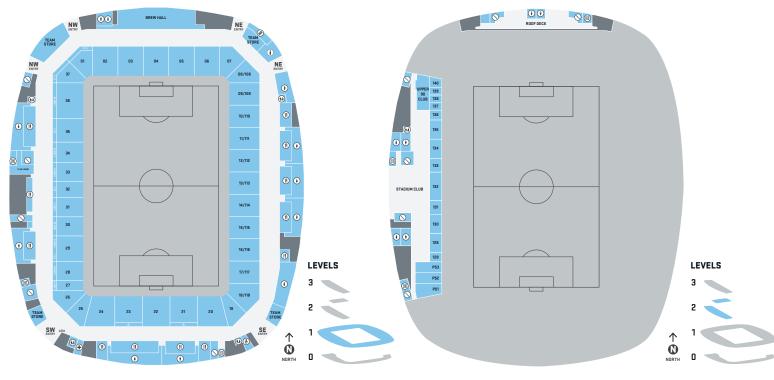


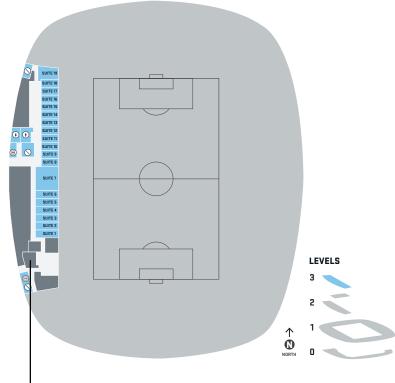
## KEY:

| S | TEAM STORE     | _          | LIGHT RAIL  |
|---|----------------|------------|-------------|
| P | PREMIUM ENTRY  | <b>(2)</b> | LRT STATION |
| M | MEDIA ENTRY    |            | BUS STATION |
| T | TICKET OFFICE  |            |             |
| E | EMPLOYEE ENTRY |            |             |



# AREA / LEVELS OF ALLIANZ FIELD





PRESS BOX