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## **Timbers and Thorns FC Matchday Media Operations**

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### **DEDICATED ENTRANCE/EXIT**

All credentialed media personnel must enter the stadium through Gate G (SW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., along the west side of Providence Park)

- Gate G will open 2 hours prior to kickoff. **For preseason matches, gates open 1 hour prior to kick off.**
- All media must enter through Gate G unless arrangements are made with club staff for a specific entry point.

### **MEDIA PERSONNEL CREDENTIALING & BIBS**

**All media looking to obtain a single-game media credential must complete the online credential form 48 hours prior to each matchday.** Click [here](#) to access the form.

Direct confirmation from Timbers and Thorns FC staff will be sent to those who are approved.

The club will credential a limited number of non-rights media personnel, subject to the availability of media positions in the press seating areas, photographer and ENG areas, as well as the photo work room.



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Applications from freelance writers, photographers or videographers must come from a direct supervisor validating professional and editorial need for media access.

Media members may not use credentials for preferential access, such as autographs, photographs or personal requests. Violations will result in potential loss of credential for any future match.

Photographers and ENGs on field level must obtain a bib from the photo workroom and return it to the same place at the conclusion of the match.

### **PRESS BOX & PHOTO WORKROOM**

#### **Wifi Information**

**Network:** ProvidenceParkPress

**Password:** PortlandTimbers#1975

The press box is located above the seating bowl along the west side of the stadium. To get to the press box from the media entrance, enter the seating bowl from the concourse and take the stairs up through section 222 until you reach the gated walkway. The walkway leads directly to the press box. For media members needing elevator access, please use the suite elevator located on the northwest part of the concourse.

The photo work room is located under section 99 of the east grandstand. Please use the stairwell by the Modelo Deck to access the photo work room.

Media will have assigned seats in the press box.

Working media will have access to a meal in the press box approximately 1 hour prior to the match. Food is for working press and all media must check in with team PR staff to have access to the pre-match meal. There will be additional seating on the platform at the south end of the press for working media to eat prior to the match.

Water will be provided in the photo work room. No food or beverages are allowed on the field, with the exception of water. All working media must eat their meals up in the press box area.

To ensure paperless media areas, all media resources will be shared in the team Slack channel. To be added to the club Slack channel, please email club PR staff. If you need access to the Slack channel, please email a member of the communications staff.

### **PHOTOGRAPHER & ENG/TV NEWS CREW POSITIONS**

Please check in with the team photo marshal no later than 30 minutes prior to the match in the photo work room, regarding available photographer positions and review any updates to the media policies.



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Media should utilize the stairwell in section 115 or the stairwell adjacent to the Modelo Deck to enter and exit the field. Media members will only be allowed to cross the west sideline, behind the benches, during warm-ups, halftime or postgame when permitted by the Communications team. The west sideline is off limits during the match for any non-club personnel.

### **Pre-Game Ceremonies**

A member of the Communications staff will escort photographers and videographers to the west midfield sideline for pregame ceremonies. Team photos will take place after the coin toss in front of the respective team benches.

During warm-ups, media members are free to move and stand along both the north and south endlines, as well in the northeast corner on the concrete area adjacent to the photo work room when space is available. Media members can switch between endlines during warm-ups but are should not stop on the west sideline near the benches.

### **In-Game Video/Photo Guidelines**

Media members may not shoot in the stands or concourse without prior approval from the Communications team.

Media members are encouraged to stay on one endline during match play. Due to field seating, the east sideline is strictly off limits. Media are allowed to use the east sideline to pass from one end of the field to the other. The concrete area in the northeast corner near the photo work room is available for media to access when space is available during the run of play.

Due to limited space at Providence Park, photographers and videographers may only shoot from behind the field boards. Media should not utilize camera well platforms in the seating bowl to shoot the match without advanced approval from the communications staff. In addition, media are not permitted to shoot photos or video from the press box.

Photographers, with the exception of club content staff and MLS and NWSL Rights Holders, are not allowed on the pitch at any time, including warmups.

No equipment of any kind is allowed on the log stand or any of the supporters' capo stands without advanced approval.

At no point should photographers or ENG crews enter the playing field, locker rooms, or other Restricted Areas proximate to players, coaches or Club delegation members.

Approved photographers and ENG/TV news crews will be permitted to shoot the match from assigned positions.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS, LOCKER ROOMS, POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES**



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**Timbers:**

Media interviews will be conducted in the Media Press Conference Room approximately 15 minutes after the final whistle. Please let a member of the Communications staff know if you need to speak with a specific player postgame.

**Thorns FC:**

Media availability will be held approximately 15 minutes following the final whistle in the Media Conference Room with the Thorns FC head coach and select player(s). There is no locker room availability for media under any circumstances.

Following every match, players and head coaches from BOTH teams will be made available in a press conference format (subject to current NWSL MTF protocols). Home teams must provide in-person access to attending media in addition to Zoom press conferences. Visiting teams are permitted to hold Zoom press conferences but should similarly make every effort to provide access to in-person media.

At least two players will be made available starting approximately 10 minutes after the final game whistle and head coaches will be made available approximately 20 minutes after the final game whistle.