



2026 WSOP Media Guidelines

Granting of media credentials is at the sole discretion of WSOP.

Credential Eligibility Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

- Status as a full-time journalist
- Employed or contracted by a legitimate media outlet whose primary purpose is news dissemination
- Use of bylines on published work
- Submission of editor or producer contact information
- Provision of representative past work (upon request)

Unauthorized use of credentials may result in immediate ejection and possible prosecution for trespass. Organizations may also lose future credential eligibility. Media credentials are non-transferable and must be worn visibly at all times while on property.

Professional Conduct & Content Standards

Accredited media must:

- Maintain professional and respectful conduct at all times
- Ensure social media content is in good taste and does not harm the reputation of WSOP, Horseshoe and Paris, players, or stakeholders
- Comply with requests from WSOP to remove content

Failure to comply may result in credential revocation. Content may only be provided to the outlet listed on the credential. Distribution to any other entity is prohibited.

Access & Credential Use

- Credentials are required for access to the WSOP Media Center and tournament areas
- Access will not be granted without an official credential

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be **21 years of age or older** and present valid government-issued ID.
2. Credential allocations per organization may be limited due to capacity.
3. Freelancers must provide a valid letter of assignment from an approved outlet.
4. Documentary filmmakers may require separate licensing approval.
5. Applicants without a formal assignment are not eligible.

Photography

1. Credentialed photographers may use images solely for editorial purposes and may provide such images only to the accredited organization listed on their approved credential application. All other uses are strictly prohibited.
2. Photographs published online may be archived strictly as editorial content. Photographers may not sell, resell, license, or otherwise commercially exploit images captured at the event without prior written approval from Horseshoe and Paris, WSOP officials, and any players or individuals depicted.
3. Flash photography is strictly prohibited in the tournament room.
4. Media credentials do not authorize photography or videography outside the designated tournament area. Accredited organizations are prohibited from capturing images within the Horseshoe and Paris casino, hotel, restaurants, or other non-tournament areas without prior written consent. Requests must be submitted to press@wsop.com.
5. Representatives of photo collection or merchandising agencies are not eligible for media credentials. No photo agency may offer WSOP images for sale on its website(s) without prior written approval from WSOP officials.

Video

1. Media outlets may record gameplay within main tournament areas, excluding WSOP livestreamed feature tables, provided that all published videos include a visible watermark or mention stating: "The 2026 WSOP is available to watch live on the official WSOP YouTube channel." All such usage is subject to the Clip Rights & Digital Usage rules below.
2. Live streaming of any video footage from the event is strictly prohibited.

Clip Rights & Digital Usage

1. Use of WSOP broadcast footage, livestream content, or derivative clips ("Footage") requires prior written approval from WSOP. Accredited media and content creators must obtain authorization before publishing.
2. Footage may not be published or distributed until at least six (6) hours after the original broadcast. Real-time or near-live clipping is strictly prohibited.

3. Approved clips must be limited in scope. No single clip may exceed ninety (90) seconds, and clips may not be combined to recreate a full hand, segment, or broadcast.
4. All Footage must be used in a transformative manner, including commentary, analysis, reporting, or editorial context. Raw or minimally edited gameplay footage and simple highlight compilations are prohibited.
5. Graphics, branding, and visual elements used within the original WSOP broadcast may not be altered. This prohibition includes cropping, obscuring, or overlaying logos, hole cards, chip counts, or other on-screen graphics. Supplemental overlays (e.g., commentary or picture-in-picture) are permitted only if they do not interfere with core broadcast elements.
6. All footage must include clear WSOP attribution, including visible credit and, where applicable, a link to the official broadcast or channel, along with a tag (@WSOP) to the WSOP social media accounts.
7. Re-streaming WSOP broadcasts (live or delayed), or distributing full-length broadcasts or VOD content, is strictly prohibited.
8. WSOP reserves the right to monitor usage, request removal, and take enforcement action against unauthorized or non-compliant content. Violations may result in takedowns, revocation of credentials, and exclusion from future events.

Tournament Access

1. Media must not engage with or distract players during active play. Violations may result in immediate ejection. Media may approach players only during scheduled breaks or when a player voluntarily leaves the table.
2. Media may not remain within the area of play at any table for more than five (5) minutes. They must relocate immediately upon request from staff, players, or WSOP personnel.
3. Access inside restricted ("roped") areas is limited.
4. Media are strictly prohibited from touching or handling tournament poker chips. Violations will result in immediate ejection. Any observed misuse of chips should be reported to floor staff.
5. During live play, only players and authorized tournament staff may enter the final table area without prior approval.

Self-Promotion

1. Media promoting products or services on Horseshoe and Paris property or in connection with WSOP will be deemed non-working media and may have their credentials revoked.
2. Media may display one standard organizational logo on clothing, not exceeding four inches in any dimension, consistent with normal attire. Horseshoe and Paris reserve the right to prohibit any logo deemed inappropriate or in violation of WSOP policies.
3. Approved media may not promote, advertise, endorse, or otherwise provide exposure to any unauthorized or prohibited brands, websites, platforms, products, or services in connection with WSOP coverage or while operating under a WSOP media credential. WSOP, Horseshoe, and Paris reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to revoke credentials and prohibit future access to any WSOP event for violations of this policy.

Trademarks

No individual or organization may use or display any Horseshoe, Paris, or WSOP trademarks without prior written permission. This applies to all media, including websites.

Liability

1. WSOP, Horseshoe, and Paris are not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to any equipment used by credentialed media.
2. By accepting credentials, the bearer and affiliated organization agree to comply with all requirements, assume all risks, and release and indemnify WSOP, Horseshoe, and Paris from any claims arising from credential use or event attendance.

Enforcement

1. Violations of these rules or failure to comply with staff instructions may result in immediate ejection, legal action, and/or revocation of current and future credentials.
2. Alcohol, illegal substances, and related paraphernalia are prohibited in all tournament areas, including the floor, interview rooms, and media center.
3. Media credentials are a revocable privilege and confer no legal or economic rights. WSOP, Horseshoe, and Paris may revoke credentials at any time, for any reason.
4. Any disputes arising from these requirements shall be governed by Nevada law and adjudicated exclusively in courts located in Clark County, Nevada.

Acceptance of credentials constitutes full agreement with these requirements.