



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## MARCH MADNESS SITES WILL BE RELOCATED



Due to health and safety concerns, the Division I Men's Basketball Committee has decided to relocate the 13 sites previously chosen to host preliminary rounds of the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Despite the challenges the pandemic continues to present to our country, March Madness will take place in 2021. The environment in which we live is drastically different, which means the tournament will clearly have a different feel to it, but the NCAA will safely conduct this event despite the obstacles that all are facing. It was determined that the most effective way of doing so is to stage the event in one city, using multiple venues. The NCAA is in preliminary discussions with the state of Indiana and the city of Indianapolis to conduct the entire championship in the metropolitan area. No decision has been made regarding fan attendance at any NCAA tournament game. However, the NCAA committee and staff will remain in communication with nation and local experts from within the medical field to decide the best course of action. At this time, there are no changes to the field size of 68 or the dates March Madness is typically held. The original key dates include Selection Sunday on March 14, the tournament start date on March 16 and the National Championship on April 5.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PLAN TO USE REMOTE TECHNOLOGY



In an effort to stay connected to the membership, the Hoop Historians will use Zoom Technology to host meetings, virtual get togethers and regionally based group outings. In the event that the group does not meet at the Final Four in Indianapolis in 2021, a series of conference calls are being planned to allow to visual communication during March Madness. Events such as the Championship Week Welcome, Selection Sunday Get Together, the Annual Business Meeting and Trivia Contest, and Final Four Post-Game Discussions are being scheduled. We also would like to have a number of Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussions throughout the season to talk about the timely happenings with college basketball. These remote sessions will allow our membership to engage in each other's company both during the current pandemic timeframe, as well as in future years to share our basketball-related activities with one another. More information will be announced in future months, including an optional Introduction to Zoom Meeting, which will show members how to be comfortable with using the new technology.

## 2021 FINAL FOUR



**WE WILL BE CONNECTED**

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HOOP HISTORIANS

Even though some of our holiday celebrations may be more unusual than ordinary – one thing is for sure: The Hoop Historians certainly know how to celebrate the occasion.

