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AFC PLAYOFF INFORMATION

ATTENTION: SPORTS EDITORS, SPORTS DIRECTORS & PHOTO EDITORS

The NFL playoffs begin with Wild Card Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 6-7. The Divisional Playoffs are on Saturday and Sunday, January 13-14. There will be two Saturday games and two Sunday games on each of the first two playoff weekends. The AFC Championship Game will be played on Sunday, January 21.

REQUESTS FOR MEDIA CREDENTIALS for the Wild Card and Divisional Playoff games should be directed to the host club director of public relations. The following procedures for press credentials for all postseason games, except Super Bowl XLI, are in effect:

- **CREDENTIAL REQUESTS:** Deadline for all credential requests for Wild Card and Divisional games will be set by the home PR director. The deadline for the AFC Championship Game for media who are staffing the game regardless of the competing teams is Tuesday, January 9 at 3:00 PM ET.
- **CONFIRMATION:** Credential requests may be confirmed by calling the AFC Championship Game headquarters after 2:00 PM (game-site time) on Thursday, January 18.
- **WILL CALL:** AFC Championship Game credentials will not be mailed. A press credential will call window at the host stadium will be open on game day, four hours prior to kickoff.

REQUESTS FOR MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Media from the two participating teams in the AFC Championship Game should submit their requests to that club's public relations director. All other credential applications for media who wish to cover the AFC Championship Game regardless of the competing teams should be made electronically on nflmedia.com.

To apply, click the "Event Credentialing" icon at nflmedia.com to link to the online registration form. A maximum of one registration form per organization should be filled out for the AFC Championship Game. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, January 9. If you have questions, please call Steve Alic (212-450-2066).

NO CREDENTIALS WILL BE MAILED. Credentials will be issued at AFC Championship Game headquarters beginning at 12:00 PM (game-site time), Friday, January 19. **Each media representative must present government-issued photo identification (passport, driver's license, etc.) at credential pickup. Those credentials not picked up at media headquarters will be available at Press Will Call the day of the game and will require presentation of government-issued photo identification.** Assignments of credentials will be made on an NFL city priority basis.

Following are potential AFC Championship Game headquarters. When making reservations, please contact the AFC Championship headquarters hotel no sooner than Monday, January 15 to reserve your room(s). Ask for the reservation desk, submit the code "AFC Championship Game" and state the organization you represent. This will ensure the NFL room rate.

San Diego

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
901 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108
619-543-9000

Baltimore

Marriott Waterfront Hotel
700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-385-3000

Indianapolis

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis
One South Capital Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-632-1234

New England

Sheraton Boston Hotel
39 Dalton Street
Boston, MA 02199
617-236-2000

New York

Marriott Marquis
1535 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
212-398-1900