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Kansas City awarded NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Regional Games for 2017

KANSAS CITY, MO (November 17, 2014) – The Kansas City Sports Commission is pleased to announce that Kansas City has been selected to host regional games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament for 2017. The other host sites selected for regional games in 2017 are East Region – San Jose, CA, South Region – Memphis, TN and East Region – New York, NY. Kansas City has hosted more tournament games than any other city with 128 games in three different venues.

“We are pleased that the NCAA recognizes Kansas City as a city that will provide a great experience for the student-athletes, coaches and fans that travel here,” said Kathy Nelson, President and CEO. “Once again Kansas City will be a backdrop for a national sporting event.”

The Kansas City Sports Commission would like to thank Visit KC, Sprint Center and the Big 12 Conference who helped make the bid possible. Most recently, Kansas City has hosted first and second round games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament in 2009 and 2013. Kansas City has held a Final Four in 1940-42, 1953-55, 1957, 1961, 1964 and 1988.

Kansas City has also bid to be a host city for NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Regional games in 2016, 2017 and 2018, which will be announced Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. Central Time. For further details about the NCAA championships go to www.NCAA.com.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

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