

PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

Master Ballot: News Broadcasting

Judge's Name: _____ District #: _____

- The two-student teams will be seated during the event.
- The teams will read three-minute newscasts. In rounds I, II, III, and IV the scripts are prepared by the students covering current events of the time period from Sunday two (2) weeks prior to the State Tournament through Round I of the State Tournament. Round I will focus on international news, Round II will focus on the "lighter side" of the news, and Round III will focus on national news. For Round IV the teams will select a script from the previous three rounds.
- Fabrication of news stories is prohibited and will result in a team being disqualified from the tournament.
- 15 minutes prior to presenting for Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds, contestants will be given a copy of a broadcast script provided by PHSSL. All teams will read the same script.
- 20 minutes prior to presenting for the Final round, contestants will be given a copy of a broadcast script provided by PHSSL. The script, as given, should last approximately four minutes and the students will cut the script to three minutes. **What you hear may vary from team to team.**
- In all rounds a **15-second grace period, both under (2:45) and over (3:15)** is given to all teams with no penalty. If a team does not meet these time limits, the team may not be ranked first in the round. Excessive time violations should be penalized more harshly. To emphasize, unlike other speech events, **THIS EVENT DOES HAVE A MINIMUM TIME (2:45).**
- Please assign each team in the round a rank from 1 to the total number of individuals in the round, with the top rank being 1 (e.g. if there are 5 individuals in the round, each would have a rank from 1 to 5). There should be NO ties, so each individual should have a unique rank.
- Please submit ranks **immediately** at the close of the round. Comments may be added on Tabroom after the round ends and until the deadline announced at the opening assembly. This will help keep the tournament moving more quickly.
- Any questions regarding rules infringements should be brought to the attention of the Tabulation Room staff and not the students.

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list competitors in speaking order.

Round _____ Room _____ Judge's Code _____ Judge's Name _____

Speaking Code Order	Team	Rank
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____

Everyone is expected to be a respectful audience member. A judge's rank may reflect a contestant's disrespect to other competitors during the round.