

# Missouri SkillsUSA 2024 Video News Production Contest Rule Sheet

## Contest Rules

- The finished newscast will be exactly three minutes. A one-second over/under grace period will be permitted.
- The newscast will contain a minimum of one of each of the following story topics: national, international, local, and sports.
- Teams may use any software tool(s) to develop their script and rundown.
- Teams will print their script and rundown during the pre-contest meeting.
  - Print five copies of these documents.
    - A printer will be provided for use at the contest.
    - To preserve formatting and layout please save these documents as PDF files on a USB thumb drive before arriving at the contest.
  - Teams will write their team letter on each document.
  - All copies of the documents will be submitted to the judges at the pre-contest meeting.
    - Four copies of the documents will be returned to the team at the beginning of their studio session.
- Writing must be completed before the contest date.
  - Teams **may** make revisions/rewrites to their script during their 20-minute studio session.
  - Teams **will not** be allowed to revise/re-write scripts while they wait to use the studio.
- Advisors will not be permitted to interact with teams after the pre-contest meeting.
  - Advisors are welcome to attend the debriefing meeting.

## Newscast Formatting

- Stories will be delivered as readers and VO.
- One story must be delivered as VO with b-roll.
  - B-roll will be in the form of a still image.
  - Previews of the b-roll will be included in the newswire packet.

## Studio Layout

- The team may reference the attached studio diagram when developing their script and rundown.

## Lower Thirds Graphics

- A lower thirds graphic will be displayed for each anchor's first name during the newscast.
- A lower thirds template will be provided on the switcher.

## Teleprompter Script

- Teams will place their teleprompter script in the Microsoft Word teleprompter script template.
  - This template is available on the Missouri SkillsUSA website.
  - Teams will provide their teleprompter script to the judges on a USB thumb drive.

## Studio Time

- Teams will be permitted a maximum of 20 minutes in the studio.
- Judges will signal the team when their 20-minute session begins.
- Teams may bring a stopwatch into the studio.
- Teams may ask the judges how much time is remaining in their studio session.
- Teams have one attempt to record their newscast.
  - Teams will not be permitted a second attempt regardless of how much time is remaining in their studio session.
  - Judges will warn teams when they have five minutes of time remaining in the studio.

**Contestants are not allowed to use phones or smart watches during the contest.**

black curtain



camera 1



camera 2



camera 3



control room window