**Broadcast News Contest Update** (02/4/2025)

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**Please refer to the *SkillsUSA Championship Technical Standards 2023-24***

**The scope of the contest will be drawn from these standards.**

**Standards available at** [**www.skillsusa.org**](http://www.skillsusa.org)

Contest guidelines call for students to “fully” produce (plan, write, and record) a 3:00 newsbreak production. Students will be supplied printed news copy. They are to use up to six of the stories to write a 3:00 newsbreak. Students are to roll an opening video, which will be supplied. The opening will be :07 in length. The open will count in the teams 3:00 time. Students will be judged in the categories of anchor presentation, technical directing and floor directing.

**Format of the Contest:** The contest will consist of a four-person team: Two anchors, a Technical Director and a Floor Director. Teams will be judged on their presentation and professionalism. Please refer to the National Contest Description for further possible judging criteria.

**The contest will take place over a two-day period.**

Friday April 4, 2025 2-4pm will consist of the writing session. Teams will need a laptop with a word processing software. A flash drive will be provided for submitting the final draft of your news stories. Stories should be stacked as they will be presented during the contest. Each team will be given printed versions of their stories to use for practice. Editing of stories will not be allowed. Before leaving from the writing session, teams will draw for their recording timeslot.

Saturday April 5, 2025 9am- Each team will be given 20 minutes to practice and record one “as-live” run through of their newsbreak. Teams may not start recording and then stop and start over. It is a one time shot. Teams need to adapt to any situation.

**Resumes required at check in contest morning.** One-page type written résumé. The résumé will be 10% of the score. Resume rubric available at [www.skillsusava.org](http://www.skillsusava.org) Submission information will be provided.

**Clothing requirement:** Official SkillsUSA dress or professional dress

**Contestant Cell phones** are not to be seen or used during competition. Automatic penalties will be applied for those who do not comply.