



# YSG 2 NEWS BROADCASTING

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## Description

Two speakers will practice analyzing and delivering news articles in a news broadcast format that emphasizes presentation of issues, collaboration, creativity, and vocal delivery with limited preparation time.

## Time Allotted

30 minutes for prep time and 5 minutes to present

## Evaluation Criteria

Speakers will be evaluated on:

- Speaking clearly and enunciating
- Connecting with the audience
- Incorporating eye contact
- Expressing ideas with creativity and eloquence
- Demonstrating camaraderie with co-host
- Creatively collaborating on a commercial
- Using information from a minimum of 3 news articles
- Demonstrating a logical flow of ideas with smooth transitions

## Rules

- Each team must present information from at least 3 of the articles during the presentation and include a Salesman Squabble type commercial (see below).
- **No outside materials are allowed in the PREP room except blank paper to write on, and writing materials (including highlighters).**
- Each team member must collaborate on at least one of the chosen articles
- Each team will be given 30 minutes of preparation time prior to the first round.
  - The speaker may bring blank note paper, sticky notes, pens or pencils, and highlighters to assist in preparing the news broadcast.
  - The team may collaborate again during any tournament breaks to prepare for the 2nd round.
  - The speakers may not consult anyone other than their partner or access outside data sources.
- No computing devices are permitted in the Prep Room or the presentation room for in-person events.
- **No props or costumes are allowed.**
- **Online only - Virtual background may be used**
- Current event articles will be provided by ICCFS to tournament officials for distribution during the preparation time.
- The Salesman Squabble commercial must be a collaborative effort with both partners speaking. The object to be sold, and the audience it will be sold to will be given with the news articles. This will be the same for all teams (i.e - you will sell chocolate to navy seals). You may not lie about the item's properties. You must find a creative way to sell the actual item to the audience.

## Questions & Answers

### Presentation

**Q: What if I go over the time limit?**

**A:** Respecting the platform includes respecting the time allotted for your presentation. This is a real-world skill as most speaking opportunities have specific allotments of time. Rank deductions are applied by ICCFS for exceeding the time limit. **Presentations that go 1 minute over the time limit will be interrupted by the time-keeper and the presentation will be concluded at that point.**

**Q: Do I get to choose my partner for News Broadcasting?**

**A:** Yes! You will choose your partner prior to registering for the tournament and name your partner on your registration form. Both partners must register for the event at the same tournament for registration to be complete. It is the responsibility of each speaker to find their partner and confirm the registration of both partners. ICCFS will not assign a partner.

**Q: If I receive an invitation to the Championship may I use a different partner?**

**A:** No. Invitations for team events are given to the team. If a student qualifies on different teams in different tournaments, then they have to choose which team they will compete with at the championship.

**Q: What kind of things will I be speaking on?**

**A:** You will receive a packet of current event articles to analyze and to prepare your broadcast. Topics may include: sports, entertainment, politics, national and international news, economics, business, popular culture and human interest, technology and science, and health and nutrition. You will also be given an item to sell, and the audience to whom it is to be sold. This commercial is to be a collaborated commercial utilizing both speakers. This is not prepared in advance.

**Q: Do I record my tournament practice in my YSG2 portfolio?**

**A:** Yes. Participating in News Broadcasting at a tournament is considered one of the required practice rounds for the News and Views section of the YSG 2 portfolio.

**Q: May I bring a script I have prepared earlier?**

**A:** No. This is a limited preparation event so speakers may not bring notes or additional articles into the Prep Room or the presentation room.

**Q: Will I be able to add a commercial I've prepared in advance?**

**A:** No. Your commercial must be a collaborative effort with your partner and will be based on the Salesman Squabble topics. Since the item to be sold, and the audience it is to be sold to will be given along with the articles, there is no advanced preparation for the commercial.

**Q: Will I have more than one preparation time?**

**A:** Teams are allotted a 30-minute preparation time before round one. They will use the same news articles and Salesman Squabble for round two. No designated preparation time is provided before round two. Teams may use the tournament breaks or times between their other speeches for additional collaboration. Teams may not consult with others or access outside data sources between rounds.

**Q: How will I receive articles at an online tournament?**

**A:** Articles will be shared to the email address used for registration about 10 minutes before your arrival in the Prep Room to give time to print (if desired), or to open on your computer so that you are ready when you enter the Prep Room.

**Q: How will I connect with my partner during the prep time to collaborate?**

- A: Online:** In order to keep the Prep Room quiet, participants in News Broadcasting will need to be able to communicate with their partner via phone, separate zoom (on a different device), skype, or any other free service to enable them to collaborate.
- A: In Person:** In the Prep Room you will meet your partner and collaborate as quietly as possible so as not to disturb other teams.

**Q: What may I use in News Broadcasting?**

**A:** Blank paper, sticky notes, pen or pencil and highlighter may be helpful to have in the Prep Room. You can take them with you to present. Do not bring any computing device to an in-person tournament. Computing devices at online tournaments are for the purpose of connecting to the tournament only.

**Q: Am I allowed to work on a laptop or other electronic device during prep time?**

**A: Online:** Yes. You may use your device to download the articles and make any notes needed for the presentation, as well as to collaborate on a shared document. You may not use your device for additional research at an online tournament.

**A: In-person** No. Computing devices are not permitted in the Prep Room or during the presentation.

**Q: What if my partner arrives late to the Prep Room? Do we get extra time?**

**A:** No. It is the responsibility of each team member to arrive at the designated time. No additional time is given. Speakers must present at their appointed time.

**Q: May we use sound effects at online tournaments?**

**A:** No. For News Broadcasting we simply want to see and hear your communication skills, not special effects.

**Q: May we use virtual backgrounds or Zoom filters at online tournaments?**

**A:** Yes, you may use virtual backgrounds or Zoom filters at online tournaments. These should enhance and not distract from your broadcast.

**Q: Will there be a timekeeper in the round?**

**A:** A student timekeeper may be provided. Evaluators and speakers will keep their own time if a timekeeper is not provided. Students may use a phone, a stopwatch, or any other type of (small) timing device to assist them and that device can only be used for the timing.

**Q: If I have a hard time with reading and writing, may I do Impromptu instead of News Broadcasting to participate in 2 events?**

**A:** Only YSG 1 speakers will participate in Impromptu. The skills that are trained and practiced in News Broadcasting and Impromptu are different and we want to keep speakers progressing and developing new skills.

There are options that will continue to both challenge and encourage the speaker in this situation:

#1 Instead of practicing News Broadcasting, choose another speech to present. It can be as simple as reciting a poem or scripture - or even reading a script of an interp or platform speech - even if it's only partially written. Bring whatever you have and practice it! The key is to continue to practice the basic public speaking skills that are essential to all communication.

#2 Practice News Broadcasting in a limited capacity. For example, read the titles of the articles and choose ONE you want to tell the evaluator about. Your partner can help present the other 2 articles. Bring a highlighter and highlight the parts you want to either read or summarize (tell in your own words) to the evaluator. Practice at home with short articles to find the main point or idea and then 2 or 3 things that help explain that main point. That is what you will tell the evaluator. This is a very important skill that you will use in a lot of other areas. Even if you don't take the whole 5 minutes that is okay! Do your BEST with what you will be presenting.

The purpose of asking speakers to practice in 2 events at a tournament is to get students speaking multiple times in a short amount of time. It's those BPS skills we want them to *master* and that only happens by doing it over and over again. Giving them opportunity and

getting them to speak is going to get them farther down the road in their *competence* and *confidence* more than anything else. They can work on the content more later. Have them do what they can now in that area and then refine as they go along.

### **Script Submission**

#### **Q: Do I need a script submission form?**

**A:** No. There is no prepared presentation but you must check in and verify that you are participating in this event.

## **Speaker Instructions**

### **Prep Time: 30 minutes to create a 5 minute presentation**

1. The speakers will report to the Prep Room before or at their scheduled time.
2. The Prep Room Monitor will allow the speakers to enter the Prep room at the designated time and provide a set of articles to use to prepare their presentation as well as the Salesman Squabble information.
3. The speakers will spend 30 minutes choosing and then analyzing articles to create a 5 minute news broadcast and a short commercial using the Salesman Squabble.
4. The Prep Room Monitor will announce prep time remaining at 20 minutes, 10 minutes, and 2 minutes.
5. At the end of the prep time, the monitor will dismiss the speaker to the presentation room.

## **Additional Prep Room Instructions for Online Tournaments:**

In order to participate in News Broadcasting online, each speaker must have access to a phone, or communication device with which to communicate with their partner, who will not be in the same household. They may call, skype, zoom (on a separate zoom call), or any other free method of communication. This allows for communication between the partners without disturbing the Prep Room or requiring additional rooms for the Prep Room Monitor to keep track of. It is the responsibility of the news broadcast team to remain connected to the Online Tournament Prep Room to receive time cues from the Prep Room Monitor. Teams who are late to their assigned presentation time will wait until the end of the round to present if there is time. If the round has ended, the late team will forfeit their presentation that round.

## **Prep Room Monitor Instructions**

1. The Prep Room Monitor will record the speaker's arrival time and distribute NB article packets when they arrive at their scheduled time.
2. The Monitor will announce time remaining at designated intervals of 20 min, 10 min and 2 min.. (i.e. "Team 2, you have 20 minutes remaining." "Team 1, you have 10 minutes remaining.")

3. At the end of prep time, the Monitor will instruct speakers to gather their supplies and News Broadcasting articles and go to the assigned presentation room.

## Evaluator Instructions

1. The evaluator will call the speakers at their appointed time.
2. The speakers will take their seats at the table in front of the evaluator(s) at an in-person tournament or turn their videos on at an online tournament.
3. The time-keeper or evaluator will begin timing when the team begins. If the team is not finished after 6 minutes, the evaluator or time-keeper will announce “STOP” and the team will stop speaking.
4. The evaluator may jot notes during the presentation.
5. When the speakers are finished, the timekeeper will announce the time for the evaluator to record on the ballot.
6. The speakers will ask to be excused to proceed to their next event if they still have speeches to present.
7. The evaluator should complete the speakers ballots during the 5 minutes between speakers
8. After the last speakers have presented, the evaluator will complete his comments on each ballot in the hospitality room.
9. Take the completed ballots to Ballot Return as soon as possible .

## Timekeeper Instructions for In-Person Tournaments

1. Sit facing the speaker (and evaluator(s)) so the speakers can see your hand signals.
2. Reset the timepiece to 0:00
3. Press START when the speaker begins speaking.
4. When the display shows 1:00, raise one hand showing 4 fingers (4 minutes remaining).
5. When the display shows 2:00, raise one hand showing 3 fingers (3 minutes remaining).
6. When the display shows 3:00, raise one hand showing 2 fingers (2 minutes remaining).
7. When the display shows 4:00, raise one hand showing 1 finger (1 minute remaining).
8. When display shows 4:30, raise one hand with fingers and thumb bent to form a “C” (30 seconds remaining).
9. When the display shows 4:50, raise both hands with all fingers raised, then count down the last 10 seconds by lowering one finger at a time until only two fists are visible (The display will show 5:00.)
10. Continue holding up both fists until the speaker stops speaking. **Do not** stop the timepiece.
11. When the speaker stops speaking, press STOP and announce the total time to the evaluator(s).
12. **If 6 minutes goes by and the speakers have not finished - interrupt them with the word STOP. They should finish speaking at that point.**

## News Broadcast Room Set-up for In-Person Tournaments

1. The speakers need a table to put their notes on in front of the evaluator.
2. Audience may sit behind the evaluator.