

International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition 2020 Radio Newscast

Directions: Please write comments if there is sufficient time. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give your ballots to the moderator.

Contestant's Name: _____ Code: _____ Room: _____ Round: _____

SCORING GUIDELINES

<u>70 - 74</u> Very Poor	<u>75-79</u> Weak	<u>80</u> Some Strength	<u>81 - 84</u> Good	<u>85- 89</u> Very Good	<u>90 - 94</u> Excellent	<u>95</u> Outstanding
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Category	Score
Balanced selection of news & use of time	/30
Clarity of presentation & use of voice	/20
Plausibility & appropriateness	/20
Hold on the listener's attention	/30
Total	/100
Length of Speech (Judges: Do not deduct time penalties): Min: 3:45 min Max: 4:15 min	

Note: If the sum of the categories doesn't equal the total score, we will assume that we should use the overall total.

Comments:

Judge: _____ **Number of Judges in the Room:** _____

RADIO NEWSCAST

Each participant will be given an issue of a newspaper. After 30 minutes preparation, he/she must deliver, from original manuscript, a four (4) minute 'top of the hour' radio news broadcast. Judging will be on the basis of the selection of news, clarity of presentation, originality, use of voice, credibility and adherence to time.

The host school will provide an isolated facility for the competitors to use as a preparation room. The host school will also endeavour to provide a variety of newspapers for the different rounds, including an international and a local paper, providing always that all competitors in a given round are furnished with identical material. The judges in each room will be given a copy of the newspaper that the students have been given.

A focus of this category is the synthesis of news presented with an appropriately modulated voice or voices. It should not just be a comedy routine, although speakers may choose to present multiple voices for effect or humour.

No part of the manuscript may be prepared in advance, and the competitor may not cut and paste sections of the newspaper into his or her manuscript. Lined paper will be provided by the host school and must be exclusively used.

Weather reports, sports news, interviews and editorials are acceptable, at the student's discretion and provided that they are based on the material found in the paper. No advertisements are permitted.

The competitor may elect to deliver the news in one or several voices, provided that a full and appropriate selection of news is delivered. Radio stations must be plausible but need not actually exist. The newscast should be appropriate for the station selected.

No eye contact is expected between the competitor and the judges, since this is a radio newscast. The judges may choose to sit with their backs to the competitor.

Each competitor must speak for 4 minutes. There will be time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 3 minutes and 45 seconds or over 4 minutes and 15 seconds. There will be a time penalty of 25 points for speeches under 3 minutes and 30 seconds or over 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

Salutation is optional.