

PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH

Master Ballot: News Broadcasting

Judge Name: _____

District#: _____

• Round I, Round II, and Quarterfinals – The students will read a three-minute prepared newscast. This script is prepared by the students covering the current events of the time period Sunday two (2) weeks prior to the State Tournament through Round I of the State Tournament.

• Semifinals and Finals – Fifteen (15) minutes (twenty (20) minutes for Finals) before the contestants are to appear in the round, they shall be given a copy of a radio broadcast script provided by the Executive Director. The script for final round will be different than the one used in Round II.

Fabrication of news stories is prohibited and will result in a student being disqualified from the tournament.

• The students may receive assistance from a pronouncing guide, but may not seek the help of any other person. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament.

• In all individual events, a grace period of fifteen (15) seconds over the event time limits is permitted without penalty. If a student is more than fifteen (15) seconds overtime, that student may not be ranked first in the round. Excessive time violations should be penalized more harshly. NO MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT.

• Any questions regarding rules infringements should be brought to the attention of the Tabulation Room staff and not the student.

Please list competitors in speaking order.

Round _____ Room _____ Judge’s Code _____ Judge’s Name _____

Speaking Code Name Topic Rank Order

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.