

2025 Gorlok

Broadcast Journalism Topic Areas

Broadcast Journalism will largely mirror the event offered at PKD. The focus of this event is to demonstrate skill in selection, organization, and presentation of a simulated broadcast news/talk program. Speakers will choose and edit their own material to be exactly five minutes in length. Previous versions of this event focused on tournament staff providing copious written material. To be more mindful of the actual processes of contemporary radio news/talk, we have updated the rules to best reflect current trends as a competitive event. Students will receive a randomized list of topics each broadcaster must cover (participants will not receive a packet of pre-selected articles). Students, then, create an entirely factual account of the topics identified. A portion may be the student's opinion about any of the topics. Like in Extemporaneous Speaking, each speaker will receive a different set of topics to ensure fairness. For example, the speaker might be prompted to provide stories about Central America, the US Congress and Climate Change, or European Football, the Chinese Yuan and U.S. Higher Education recruitment practices. While other stories can be included to make time, judging criteria will favor those identified in the round's prompt. Judges will be made aware of the topics in advance. Call letters/radio-platform identification, as well as references to weather, sponsors, programming, etc., are acceptable, but not required.

Before preparing your speech: make sure to double check FTN to ensure you are selecting the correct speaker's editorial. These are excerpts from longer editorials. The longer versions can be found under the same author and title name by simply googling the title.

Reminders: Please submit a link to your recording NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 21 at NOON. You are responsible for ensuring links are working properly and that you can be heard clearly. We recommend using YouTube and uploading the video as UNLISTED.

Only one submission per speaker is required. The same video will be used for both rounds and for finals should you advance.

Finally, HAVE FUN! We look forward to seeing what you have prepared for us.

TOPIC AREAS

Speaker 1

- Canadian Elections
- Trump Cabinet Confirmation Hearings
- NFL Playoffs

Speaker 2

- Africa's New Leaders (Recently Elected Heads of State)
- Wildfires and other Climate Concerns in America
- The Oscars

Speaker 3

- Ireland's New Government
- Social Media Companies and the End of Fact Checking
- The Australian Open

Speaker 4

- Violence in the Americas
- Insurance Companies and Corporate Greed
- WNBA News

Speaker 5

- German Elections
- Issues in Higher Education
- Baseball Hall of Fame Results

Speaker 6

- South Korean Turmoil
- Trump's Inauguration and Second First Day in Office
- NBA News