

## WHAT IS RADIO BROADCASTING?

Some states offer this event at Tournaments. When offered, it is typically a Limited Preparation Event that follows some of the same general guidelines. Check with the Speech Association in your state for specific state guidelines.

1. Limited Preparation Time (usually between 30 and 45 minutes) for each round
2. Presentation time: Varies from state to state, but is typically ~5 minutes.
3. A student may have personal preparation materials such as a stopwatch, dictionary, thesaurus, pronunciation guide, blank paper, highlighters, pen and/or pencil, scissors, and tape or glue during the preparation period.
4. Each student is given a folder of News articles (newspaper, television or internet-based) prepared by the tournament host and are tasked with preparing an original news Radio Broadcast by compiling information from those stories.
5. Students must use the news script provided by the contest, and may not add material, except transition sentences, introductions (such as call letters) and conclusions.
6. In some states this material will include a prepared commercial advertising a product or service that must be used in the speakers' script. In others, students must create a commercial given a designated product or service during the preparation time.
7. The newscast should reflect the student's ability to select newsworthy items from the copy provided. Structure of the news presentation should reflect thoughtful planning which incorporates a smooth flow from one item to another.
8. **BASIS FOR JUDGING:** Vocal variety utilizing a conversational style marked by clear articulation and correct pronunciation. Smooth transitions.

### **NOTE:**

- *In some states (example – Indiana) the packet of News articles for preliminary rounds is provided to each school during the week leading up to the tournament.*
- *Students must come prepared to compete and no "Prep-Time" is given at the tournament. The process to prepare for competition remains the same, there is simply no preparation time limits for preliminary rounds.*
- *Semi-Finals and Finals are run as "Limited Prep" the day of the tournament.*

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## TIPS FOR COACHING STUDENTS IN THIS EVENT

1. *Vocal coaching for Radio Broadcasting can be practiced separately by using pre-prepared "SAMPLE" news stories.*
  - a. *If you are a member of 4N6 Fanatics, We will be adding samples of Radio Broadcasting stories and commercials in the VAULT OF CUTTINGS on January 21, 2019. Look for the folder labeled "RADIO BROADCASTING" and sub-folders "Practice News Stories" and "Practice Commercials"*
  - b. *If you are NOT a member of 4N6 Fanatics, links to sample stories and commercials will be available January 21, 2019 on the 4N6 Fanatics LINKS PAGE at <https://4n6fanatics.com/links.php> - Main Category: Radio Broadcasting*
  - c. *Additional Links related to Radio Broadcasting will also be added here.*
2. *Prepare mock rounds of news articles for practice sessions.*
3. *Obtain a sample ballot from your state and critique each practice performance.*