



2021 IHSA VIRTUAL JOURNALISM STATE FINALS: **OVERVIEW**

STATE FINAL SCHEDULE

State Final Date: Saturday, April 24
April 24 Schedule: Block A: 9:30 AM to 11 AM (work due by 11:15 AM)
Block B: 11:30 AM to 1 PM (work due by 1:15 PM)
Event Schedule:

Block A & B Events (9:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

1. Photo Story Telling
2. Broadcast News
3. Video News
4. Yearbook Theme Development

Block A Events (9:30 AM – 11:00 AM)

5. News Writing
6. Review Writing
7. Advertising
8. Newspaper Design
9. Yearbook Caption Writing
10. Infographics
11. Copy Editing

Block B Events (11:30 AM to 1:00 PM)

12. Feature Writing
13. Headline Writing
14. Yearbook Copy Writing
15. Yearbook Layout: Double Page Spread
16. Editorial Cartooning
17. Editorial Writing
18. Sports Writing

Awards Ceremony: Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 PM via Microsoft Teams (link to be sent to advisors)

STATE FINALS AWARDS

Awards: No change in terms of award recipients. After the State Finals, the IHSA will submit Sectional and State Final award lists to our award provider, who will work to ship to schools.



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PROTOCOLS & RULES

Competitors:

Students may compete from anywhere with internet access. Competing at your school is recommended if possible. If competing at school, health department & school protocols should determine where and how competitors are situated in the building.

Equipment/Software:

There are no limitations on the programs or software students may use to complete the design categories, this includes using their online yearbook software. Microsoft word or a similar word processing program is recommended for writing events. Work will be submitted as PDFs in all applicable categories. Students & advisors are responsible to make sure that students have the proper equipment and software they require to compete in their respective events.

Prompts:

When registering students for events in the Schools Center, advisors will submit a unique email address for each student, as well as the advisors email. At the appropriate time on the State Final date, each student and advisor will be emailed the prompts. The prompt will be an attached PDF, as well as a link to a Google Drive where all prompts will be available. If your students cannot receive outside emails, advisors should be prepared to forward their students the link to the Google Drive so they can retrieve their prompt.

Submitting Work:

Each prompt will include detailed instructions on how competitors will email back their completed work. Some important items of note.

* Work will be sent to state@ihsa.org

* If students can't email out, they should sent to advisor to forward

* Email Subject should be **School Name – Event Name** (*judges will not see this*)

* File name of submitted work will be Event Category – School Number. A document with the School Number will be provided prior to the competition and on the day of competition.

File Name Example: **Infographics - 1234**

* Special submission accommodations will be made for competitors unable to submit via email.

* Students will be provided 15 minutes beyond their competition block time so that they take their time to properly follow and complete the submission guideline instructions.

Trouble Shooting:

The IHSA will have a Microsoft Teams meeting ongoing live throughout the State Finals. Advisors will be invited to that meeting. Students will be directed to let their advisor know if they have any issues during the competition. Should troubles arise, advisors should first try to alert the IHSA via the live Teams meeting.

Games Committee:

A games committee will be formed consisting of five randomly selected advisors. The games committee may be called upon to review and vote on disqualification in the event of plagiarism or other issues.