

State Contest

Judging Explanation

Journalism professionals and university faculty serve as judges and select the top three contestants per class in each category and the state's overall top-12 contestants (regardless of class), plus three alternates.

State Championships Sweepstakes Results

Entries from each class will be judged to determine a 1-2-3 finish in each event for sweepstakes tabulation.

State Championship Awards

Certificates will be awarded to the three place winners in each class of the state contest qualifiers in each category.

All-Class Journalism Championships

State All-Class Championships

The All-Class Championship for the State Journalism Championships will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications, located in Andersen Hall.

State Qualifiers

Entries from all five classes will be judged together to determine the state finalists in each category for the ALL-CLASS JOURNALISM CHAMPIONSHIP. Those entries finishing in the top-12 and those class champions not listed among the top-12 automatically qualify.

In addition to the top-12, three alternates will be selected. Should a member (or members) of the top-12 decide not to compete in a state contest event, the first alternate (second alternate, third alternate) shall be notified and invited to compete at the state All-Class Championships.

No All-Class Championships are held in graphic illustration, in-depth newspaper coverage, photo illustration, and sports/action photography. For these events, the overall top-six place winners from the state championship judging are invited to the awards ceremony to receive their medals.

Individual State Contest Judging and Awards

Journalism professionals and university faculty serve as judges and will select the top-six place winners in each category. Medals will be presented to the top-six place winners in each final contest at the awards ceremony, located within the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union. These winners are chosen at the All-Class Championships contest. Medal winners in the categories of graphic illustration, in-depth newspaper coverage, photo illustration, and sports/action photography are based on state championship results and will be honored during the awards ceremony.

Team Trophies and Adviser Awards

Trophies will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams based on the state championship sweepstakes results. A plaque will be presented to the adviser of the state championship winning staff. Sweepstakes awards to schools will be compiled from 1-2-3 finishes in each class in the state championship competition and are based on three points for first, two points for second, and one point for third. Entries from all 21 events in all five classes will be scored.

Rules for State Contest

1. In order to compete, **all students must be accompanied by their adviser or a certified teacher/administrator from their school.**
2. Advisers are to check in at the lobby desk in Andersen Hall prior to the beginning of the contest.
3. Schools cannot make substitutions for qualified students. The State Contest Entry form, confirming your school's competitors, must be completed online by April 25.
4. In each event, students in the state championship top-12, and the first-place sweepstakes winners in each class are eligible for the final competition. Therefore, if a student doesn't qualify in the state's top-12 overall, but is listed as the first-place winner in his/her class, he or she is eligible to compete.
5. **No student may compete in more than two (2) contest events during the All-Class Championship.** If students compete in news/feature photography, he/she may be needed to choose his/her best photos for judging at the specified time and location indicated on the schedule.
6. Students must bring all necessary supplies or materials with them unless otherwise noted. Finalists in the editorial cartoon contest must bring art supplies (black felt tip pen, etc.) they wish to use. Photographers must bring cameras, extra batteries, digital storage devices, and all cords, media card-readers, etc., that may assist in transferring the final images for judging. **No outside materials (examples or samples) will be allowed in the contest room, unless otherwise noted.**
7. Students should provide a timing device..
8. If a student has qualified in two events that are held at the same time, the adviser contact Mary Kay Quinlan (402-472-2557, mquinlan2@unl.edu) so arrangements can be made to accommodate the student.