



TO: Advisers of Students Qualifying for the State Journalism Championships  
 FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director  
 SUBJECT: State Contest Information  
 DATE: April 2016

Congratulations in qualifying for the 2016 State Journalism Championships on the Northeast Community College-Norfolk campus, 801 East Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE.

This letter includes information designed to assist you in planning for the contest. If you should require more information, do not hesitate to contact me at [dvelder@nsaahome.org](mailto:dvelder@nsaahome.org).

**Please remember that we are guests on campus, and that stationary tables/desks in the rooms shall NOT be moved to avoid damaging electrical/computer connections.**

**ENTRIES.**

A student may participate in two events at the State Championship.

**SCHEDULE.** Lifelong Learning Center

**Monday, April 25, 2016**

8:00 am	Registration Opens	Cox Center
8:30 am	Welcome	Cox Center Arena
8:30 am	Proctor Meeting	Suite G
	Event	Room #
9:00 am	Newspaper Column Writing	Suite I
	Photo/Artistic Illustration	Suite L
	Entertainment Review Writing	Suite E
	Newspaper Feature Writing	Suite A
	Newspaper News Writing	Suite B
	Newspaper Sports Feature Writing	Suite J
	Yearbook Layout	Suite H
	Yearbook Feature Writing	Suite C
	Yearbook Sports Feature Writing	Suite K
	<b>Double-Entry Room</b>	<b>Suite F</b>
10:30 am	Advertising	Suite A
	Editorial Cartooning	Suite B
	Headline Writing	Suite K

	Informational Graphic Illustration	Suite L
	Newspaper Layout	Suite H
	News/Feature Photography	Suite C
	Sports News Writing	Suite J
	Yearbook Theme Copy Writing	Suite E
	Newspaper Editorial Writing	Suite I
	Double-Entry Room	Suite F
2:30 pm	Awards Ceremony Webcasting by NECC – <a href="http://www.livestream.com/khwkhawktv">www.livestream.com/khwkhawktv</a>	Cox Center Arena
	Adviser's Room	Suite G
	Tab Room	Suite D

### **REGISTRATION.**

Schools must be registered at the state contest by the certified adviser. Registration will take place at the Cox Activity Center. Only advisers will be allowed to pick up school packets. **Advisers are asked to provide a cell phone number in the event they need to be reached during the contest.**

### **COMPETITION.**

1. Neither a school team nor individuals shall be permitted to compete in the state championship unless the team or individual is accompanied by the adviser, school administrator or certificated staff member.
2. There will be one round in each event.
3. One judge will be used in each event.
4. Notify the NSAA of double entries by **Friday, April 8, 2016.**
5. All electronic devices (other than competition laptops) must be deposited in a bin provided on the proctor's desk. Sticky notes will be provided to label devices.
6. Each competitor must provide a laptop to compete in the events for which they have qualified that require a computer. If the event requires page design software, the student must have the program uploaded onto the laptop they will be using. Advisers may consider having a back-up computer with appropriate software available in the event a computer fails during a session.
7. The use of iPads or tablets is not allowed for competition.
8. Students may bring blank paper, pencils, pens, or markers.
9. Students will be provided prompts at the start of each event.
10. Students will have one hour to complete their assignment.
11. Students must remain in the room until the entire group is dismissed.
12. Students may not access the Internet. **STUDENTS CAUGHT UTILIZING A CELL PHONE OR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE/WEBSITE (OTHER THAN SOFTWARE**

APPLICATIONS ON THEIR LAPTOP TO COMPLETE THEIR PROMPT) DURING THEIR COMPETITION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

13. When completed, the student shall close their laptop or place their pencil down.

### **FOOD OPTIONS.**

***No food or drinks should be brought onto campus or taken into Lifelong Learning Center, Cox Activity Center or the College Welcome Center.***

**The Hawk Spot** is located in the lower level of the Student center and offers:

Lunch Monday-Friday • 10:30am-1:30pm

Features Pizza, hot home-style entrees, Fruit Bar, Build-Your-Own Sandwich, Salad bar, Hamburger Bar, Waffle Station, Soft-serve ice cream with toppings, Theme Bars, and Stir-Fry Station

Tickets for lunch will be sold beginning at 7:45 am in the Lifelong Learning Center and at 8:30 am in the Cox Activity Center for \$6. Those without tickets may still access the Hawk Spot for \$6.98.

### **Hawk's Landing**

Location: upper level of the Student Center Building

Features Burgers, chicken strips, sub sandwiches

Hours: Mon- Thurs 7am -10pm and Friday from 7am - 3pm.

Cash, debit, or credit cards accepted.

### **Starbuck Coffee**

Kiosk located in the College Welcome Center.

Hours 7:30 am – 5:00 pm when college in session.

Cash, debit, or credit cards accepted.

### **Sweepstake Points**

Sweepstakes points for the state journalism championship will be scored as follows:

First place	20 Points
Second Place	18 Points
Third Place	16 Points
Fourth Place	14 Points
Fifth Place	12 Points
Sixth Place	10 Points

**Sweepstakes points for the NSAA State Journalism Championship will be based on state placements in each event.**

1. The team with the greatest number of points shall be the sweepstakes winner.
2. The team with the second greatest number of points shall be the runner-up.
3. The winning adviser will also be presented with an NSAA award.
4. State championship and/or runner-up journalism teams may purchase state medals for their teams through the NSAA.

5. The top 6 in each event will receive a medal for the place they receive.
6. Ratings for Yearbook Theme Development were determined in preliminary judging. The top six Yearbook Theme Development winning schools in each class will receive a plaque and points for the place they receive at the Awards Ceremony.
7. Ratings for Sports/Action Photography and In-depth Newspaper Coverage were determined in preliminary judging. The top six students in each of these categories will receive a medal and points for the place they receive at the Awards Ceremony.

**PROTESTS.**

**Protests regarding the decision of judges will not be heard.**

**JUDGES.** The NSAA Director will select state championship judges.

**PARKING.**

A map of the campus can be found on the NSAA journalism webpage which designates State Journalism Parking lots.

**Callam Sports Photography.**

The Nebraska School Activities Association has contracted with Callam Sports Photograph who will be photographing participating students throughout the day.

**T-Shirts & Souvenir Programs.** NSAA State Journalism Championship t-shirts will be on sale.

**Guest Password.** No password required on NECC-Guest wifi.

**Webcasting.**

Plans are for NECC to present live coverage of the NSAA Journalism Award Ceremony, live from the Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center accessing the following link: [www.livestream.com/khwhtv](http://www.livestream.com/khwhtv)

Best of luck at the NSAA State Journalism Championships!