

## SkillsUSA – Region 5 - Arizona Leadership and Skills Conference Contest Info Sheet

The following are important contest points and Arizona updates. All contest rules may not be listed.  
Please consult the SkillsUSA Technical Standard for additional information.

Contest	Broadcast News Production
Skill Performance	The contest assesses skills through the development, design and delivery of a newscast production in a simulated environment. Each team shall be comprised of four student members. Two students will serve as the news anchor team, one student will serve as the team’s director/technical director, and one student will serve as the floor director. Each team will write, produce and complete a 3:15 newscast as if it were live. They MUST also operate a Tricaster system to display/remove a lower third graphic, run a 15 second PSA and FTB at end of broadcast.
Team/Ind	Team (4 students)
Limits	3 teams per chapter
Date/Location/Start Time	Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> 8am-1pm (Verrado High School) – Awards ceremony will follow later that afternoon:  AGENDA 7:30-8:00: Check-In and Equipment Setup 8:00: Contest Briefing 8:15-9:45: All teams receive news wire for script time. 9:45: Teams must submit script and receive call time 10:00-1:00: Presentation time <i>Each team will receive 10 minutes of practice time before their judged production</i>
Attire	Contest requires SkillsUSA Official Dress or business attire (T-Shirts and Jeans are NOT acceptable and will be penalized) Contestants should not wear any attire that shows school name
Resume	Resume must be submitted in typed and printed format to judges when entering studio for performance.
Chair Contact	Mike Walker, mwalker@aguafria.org <i>Mike will be serving as facilitator only and not a judge. Judges are needed for this event. If you have an industry contact that is interested, please contact Mike.</i>
Supplied by Tech Committee	Tricaster for video switching and displaying of standard graphics Program Monitor for anchors, judges and technical director Basic studio lighting setup with background and anchor desk 3- studio cameras, on tripods each with a 15" teleprompter screen Teleprompter software with operator
Supplied by Contestant	a. 1 Laptop computer per team with Microsoft Word or Pages b. 1 Flash (thumb) drive per team (returned at end of performance)
Other	Please bring a power strip and extension cord for computer used to write script. No WIFI is provided so please DO NOT plan on using google docs for script writing. Students MUST submit scripts in Plain Text File Format.