

AUDIO PRODUCTION

Contest Update

THE CHALLENGE

Teams are to fully produce (plan, write, voice, record, edit, render, etc.) a radio production such as a PSA, NPR-style soundscape, sound-rich NPR-style news story, sound, and interview only news story, etc. During this portion of the competition, competitors can leave the room, as needed, to record audio and collect information. One hundred percent (100%) of editing should be done in the SkillsUSA Audio Production competition area. Note competitors may begin editing at any time. Competitors should be notified when they have 30 minutes left until they turn in their submission.

Teams will provide:

- All supplies and materials as outlined in the Technical Standards.
- A USB flash drive to submit their project to the judges. The flash drive must be new or blank.

THE PROJECT

- 2:00 minute Radio News Program
- 30-second commercial

Radio News Program Prompt and Commercial topic will be provided at the competition.

THE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

8:00 AM – Contest Orientation and Briefing

8:30 AM – Script research and writing, field recording, editing, and voiceover recording begins

- Teams may move freely within the Hyatt Regency facility.

12:00 PM (tentative) – Lunch

- Lunch will be delivered to the contest room.

2:00 PM – All material is due to the contest coordinator.

- Each minute late will result in a penalty (20 points + 1 point per minute). Failure to submit recorded materials by 3:00 PM will result in disqualification.

2:00 PM – Equipment clean up and debrief.

- Teams may leave the area once their final project is submitted but must return at 2:00 PM for cleanup and debrief.

THE DETAILS

- Submission instructions will be provided at the contest.
- The final production must meet the run time for the project (2:00 and 0:30, +/- 0:01)
- Always get permission to record someone.
- Only material recorded during the designated times may be used in the final production. Production music is allowed, but no other outside material or copyright material is allowed. Violation may result in disqualification.
- Teams must remain on Hyatt property during the contest times.
- No off-color humor or profanity.