



2023 IHSA VIRTUAL JOURNALISM SECTIONALS: **OVERVIEW**

SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

Date: Saturday, April 1

April 9 Schedule: Block A: 9:30 AM to 11 AM
Block B: 11:30 AM to 1 PM

Event Schedule:

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

1. Photo Story Telling
2. Broadcast News
3. Video News (March 29 to April 1 at 1:00 PM)
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 6 via Microsoft Teams...

Awards Schedule

Sectional 1	11:30 AM to 11:45 AM
Sectional 2	11:45 AM to Noon
Sectional 3	Noon to 12:15 PM
Sectional 4	12:15 PM to 12:30 PM
Sectional 5	12:30 PM to 12:45 PM
Sectional 6	12:45 PM to 1:00 PM
Sectional 7	1:00 PM to 1:15 PM



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STATE FINALS AWARDS

Awards: No change in terms of award recipients. Sectional Awards will be handed out at the state finals or shipped to schools.

PROTOCOLS & RULES

Adviser Role Reminder that the advisers role in Sectionals is to help relay any technological issues that may occur to the IHSA, and to gather and submit their students' work upon completion. Students should compete independently. Advisers should not offer any advice, review work, note errors, etc. once the competition has begun.

Assignments Assignments for the seven Sectionals linked here: [Sectional Assignments](#)

Sectional Web Page A Sectional webpage has been setup, which will house prompts and other pertinent info. Sectional webpage linked here: [Sectional webpage](#)

Competitors: Students may compete from anywhere with internet access. Competing at your school is recommended if possible.

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. If using a site like Canva, they must begin with a blank document as opposed to a template from the program. Microsoft word or a similar word processing program is recommended for writing events. Work will be submitted as PDFs in all applicable categories. Students & advisers are responsible to make sure that students have the proper equipment and software they require to compete in their respective events, and should consider the carryover from Sectionals to the State Finals should they advance.

Rules: All rules for each event are provided in the prompt and will be updated to reflect any subtle changes for the virtual format (i.e. the equipment/software mentioned above). Applicable prompts will also note that all info must be from the prompt and no further information may be gathered from the internet (unless allowed by the prompt). Failure to adhere will result in disqualification.

Prompts: Prompts will be posted on the Sectional Web Page at the start of the block and disappear at the deadline. Students will also be emailed a link and reminder.

Submitting Work: Advisers are responsible for submitting their students' work via Google Drive. Each adviser will be sent the Google Drive link via email.

Trouble Shooting: The IHSA will have a Microsoft Teams meeting ongoing live throughout the State Finals. Advisers will be invited to that meeting. Students will be directed to let their adviser know if they have any issues during the competition. Should



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troubles arise, advisers 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 advisers. The games committee may be called upon to review and vote on disqualification in the event of plagiarism or other issues.