

Journalism 12

Sports Writing Assignment

Criteria:

- Your story must use one of the four leads (Inverted Pyramid, Chronological, Suspended Interest or Lead-Plus-Equal-Facts) and it must be recognisable.
- You must include your interview questions with your final submission (if applicable – you don't have to do an interview).
- Your story must be between 350 and 500 words in length.

Value: 20 Points

Due Date: TBA

List of school sports: volleyball (boys/girls); soccer (boys/girls); basketball (boys A&B/girls A&B); football; hockey (boys/girls); cross-country; golf; track & field; field hockey; badminton; ski team; snowboarding; rugby (boys/girls); baseball; softball; curling; karate; anything I may have forgotten.

Journalism 12 – Article and Peer Editing Scoring Key: Sports Story

Throughout the year, your news stories will be approx. 350-500 words in length (feature stories 350-500 words); they will be submitted in a similar format and will require the same depth of story coverage. You will be expected to follow the guidelines below. As a practice in using these guidelines, both you and your peer editing partner can edit your story and assign the following point values:

1. /1pt. Creative headline
2. /1pt. Headline font is bold, **NOT** underlined and in a larger font than the text – 16pt. is good
3. /1pt. Byline immediately underneath the headline with no spaces in between
4. /1pt. A space is left between the byline and the beginning of the text
5. /1pt. Each new paragraph of text is indented only two spaces; no spaces have been left between paragraphs
6. /1pt. Font type is Times New Roman or equivalent
7. /5pts. Person(s) interviewed has been quoted at *least* twice; punctuation for quotations is correct; at *least* five of any combination of the following: details/information/facts pertaining to issue/sport included; these are incorporated effectively and persuasively
8. /2pts. Capitalization is correct
9. /1pt. Redundancy has been checked and superfluous/unnecessary words eliminated
10. /1pt. Language use/word choice is correct
11. /5pts. Overall quality of the story (i.e. the W5 + H has been covered, there is balance, lead, nut, info and conclusion recognisable, etc.)

Total: /20pts.