

Print Press Production Template

The print press puts out two newspapers every day for the duration of the conference. These papers are filled with articles that each member of the Print Press must produce. Press members assigned to reporting are expected to produce two to three articles per paper (roughly six articles per day). The officer in charge will assign these articles, and you will have to write two to three depending on the length of the articles that you produce. Not every article will be published due to the competitive nature of the component, so it is important to do your best in order to produce a paper that you can be proud of and that will be a positive reflection on the conference. The article outline expectations are as follows.

Articles should be well planned and thoroughly researched. Articles should use correct grammar basic mechanics. Avoid using slang terminology and trite phrasing. All articles should be professional in nature. Negative or slanderous articles are strictly forbidden. Subject matter should be Y appropriate and should also be relevant to the conference and related news. Articles covering specific delegates must be pre-approved by the component leader, and must be careful not to offend the delegate being covered. Articles relating to illicit activities, such as drugs, sex, pornography or other blue material should be avoided. We understand the term freedom of speech and freedom of the press, but it is also important to understand that we must be a positive aspect of the conference and avoid any unnecessary clashes over poor reporting practices. Articles should be substantial in length, roughly one page single spaced in length will cover two columns in the paper, and one and a half pages single spaced twelve point font will cover a full page in the paper. Each reporter must pick at least two articles from the categories below, or bring creative article suggestions to the editor and have them pre-approved. Choose one article topic from section A and one from section B below.

Section A

- Key Resolution highlight article (cover a hot resolution or bill and give background information on it, this will require additional research)
- Key Speaker (highlight a strong speaker in a chamber and summarize some of their argumentative techniques and accomplishments during the debate)
- Court case summary with progress from the justices and the lawyers
- Lobbyist activities and what the lobbyists are accomplishing
- Conference Coverage – dance review, social scene, restaurants, upcoming events etc.
- Candidate coverage
- Gov Cab Coverage
- Charity coverage and explanation

Section B

- Global News – take a specific item being debated and do research and present the global impact of what is being proposed in an argumentative form

- Opposing Side Editorial – pick an issue being debated or relevant in local or national news and write with a partner to present both sides of the case in argumentative form
- Culture Article – cover a cultural aspect of a specific group or area that is particularly interesting, give background information and inform the audience about the little known subject
- Impact article – assess the impact of proposed action, and how this legislation will change the status quo
- National news – cover a national issue of importance and inform the reader of the details of that issue objectively
- Letter from the editor
- Interesting facts about – (State, Country, City)
- Historical stance – cover the history of a particular piece of legislation, or the stance of our country on a global issue (example the historic French US relationship and how it has changed over time).
- Other creative article to be pre-approved by officer or component leader.

Articles must be completed in time for the deadline. There will be a typical deadline of one hour before lunch and one hour before dinner if you are writing two longer articles per day. If you fail to complete your article on time, you will be fined in a similar manner that delegates are fined in chambers for being out of order, with all money going to the charity selected by the conference. You will be expected to sign in and out whenever leaving the Pressroom. If you are not where you sign out to be, your advisor will be contacted and you will be given a warning. If you are not in your assigned area a second time, your parents will be contacted and you will be sent home at your expense. Before coming to the conference you should write an article from section B for the first newspaper. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.