

75TH GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS®

Honoring Excellence in Broadcast News

2024

6. DESIGNATED NEWS WEEK AND WEEKEND

6.1 All entries in the Best News Broadcast categories must have been originally broadcast during the "Designated News Day".

6.2 The "Designated News Day" will be selected by members of the Contest Coordinating Committee from the "Designated News Week", which is **Monday, May 13, through Friday, May 17, 2024**. The **Designated News Weekend is Saturday, May 18 and Sunday May 19, 2024** for the "Best Weekend Newscast" category.

6.3 Official notification of the "Designated News Day" will come in the following manner: A notice will appear on the RTNA website at www.rtnasocal.org and on City News Service on **Monday, May 20, 2024**, announcing which day of the previous week was the "Designated News Day."

PLEASE BE SURE TO RECORD ALL YOUR NEWSCASTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 11 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2024

COMPETITION FOR THE RTNA GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS® is limited to the News Departments of Radio and Television stations licensed and/or operated within the following Southern California counties, and local cable News Departments or News Services for cable companies franchised within the same counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings and Tulare.

TELEVISION CATEGORIES

TV-01. BEST NEWS BROADCAST 60 MINUTES, NEWSCAST AIRING BETWEEN 4PM AND MIDNIGHT ONLY A & B Divisions

Format presentation should be representative of "typical" regularly scheduled daily newscast. The entry must be consistent with the station's permanent news programming format. Abbreviated or extended newscast due to a station's interim programming changes are ineligible. Entry must include a recording of the entire newscast (sports, weather, etc.) and 3 copies of written newscast rundown. Entries must be submitted from the "Designated News Day". Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the "Designated News Day". News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category.

TV-02. BEST NEWS BROADCAST 30 MINUTES OR LESS, NEWSCAST AIRING BETWEEN 4PM AND MIDNIGHT ONLY A & B Divisions

Format presentation should be representative of "typical" regularly scheduled daily newscast. The entry must be consistent with the station's permanent news programming format. Abbreviated or extended newscast due to a station's interim programming changes are ineligible. Entry must include a recording of the entire newscast (sports, weather, etc.) and 3 copies of written newscast rundown. Entries must be submitted from the "Designated News Day". Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the "Designated News Day". News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category.

TV-03. BEST DAYTIME NEWS BROADCAST ANY LENGTH, NEWSCAST AIRING BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 4PM. A & B Divisions

Entry may not exceed a continuous 60-minute portion. Format presentation should be representative of "typical" regularly scheduled daily newscast. The entry must be consistent with the station's permanent news programming format. Abbreviated or extended newscasts beyond usual length due to a station's interim programming changes are ineligible. Entry must include a recording of the entire newscast (sports, weather, etc.) and 3 copies of written newscast rundown. Entries must be submitted from the "Designated News Day". Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the "Designated News Day". News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category. News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category.

TV-04. BEST WEEKEND NEWSCAST, ANY LENGTH One Division

Format presentation should be representative of "typical" regularly scheduled weekend newscast. The entry must be consistent with the station's permanent news programming format. Abbreviated or extended newscasts beyond usual length due to a station's interim programming changes as well as news magazine format programs are ineligible. Entry must include a recording of a live newscast (sports, weather, etc.) not to exceed 30 minutes. Upload a copy of the newscast rundown or other supporting material on the entry form. Any newscast from the weekend immediately following the "Designated News Week" is eligible. Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the day of the newscast.

RADIO CATEGORIES

R-01. BEST NEWSCAST -- OVER 15 MINUTES A & B Divisions

Must be material broadcast during a continuous one-hour-or-less time period. Network or syndicated cut-ins must be included if part of original broadcast. Format presentation should be representative of "typical" broadcast day. Entry must include a recording of the entire newscast (sports, weather, etc.) and 3 copies of written newscast rundown. Entries must be submitted from the "Designated News Day". Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the "Designated News Day". News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category.

R-02. BEST NEWSCAST -- UNDER 15 MINUTES A & B Divisions

Must be material broadcast during a continuous 15 minute-or-less time period. Network or syndicated cut-ins must be included if part of original broadcast. Format presentation should be representative of "typical" broadcast day. Entry must include a recording of the entire newscast (sports, weather, etc.) and 3 copies of written newscast rundown. Entries must be submitted from the "Designated News Day". Entries must include coverage of news that occur during the "Designated News Day". News magazine format programs are not eligible in this category.

R-03. BEST WEEKEND NEWSCAST One Division

Must be material broadcast during continuous one-hour-or-less time period. Network or syndicated cut-ins must be included if part of original broadcast. Format presentation should be representative of "typical" broadcast day. Entry must include a recording of a live newscast (sports, weather, etc.) not exceed 10 minutes. Upload a copy of the newscast rundown or other supporting material on the entry form. Entries must be submitted from any newscast from the weekend immediately following the "Designated News Week." Entries must include coverage of news that occur on the day of the newscast.