



May 24, 2022

Re: News Access Guidelines and Advance Notice of Potential Infringement

Pursuant to Title 17 U.S.C. 411(b), this will serve as notice to you that The E.W. Scripps Company (“Scripps”) possesses exclusive television and exhibition rights to the competition hours of the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee**. From May 31, 2022 – June 2, 2022, spellers will compete in-person in four rounds of competition: the Preliminaries, Quarterfinals and Semifinals and Finals at The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center.

Coverage will be telecast on Scripps’ networks in accordance with the schedule below. Please note, Scripps’ broadcast window may run past these expected times (and the rules set forth herein will continue during any such additional time periods):

- **Preliminaries*:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 7:15p.m. ET (IONplus/BouXL)
- **Quarterfinals*:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET (IONplus/BouXL)
- **Semifinals (Live)** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. ET (IONplus/BouXL)
- **Semifinals (Live-to-tape)** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET (ION/Bou/Laff/TruReal)
- **Finals:** Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET (ION/Bou/Laff/TruReal)

Scripps is the author of the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** telecasts and intends to secure the copyright. Scripps’ exclusivity extends to all media throughout the universe.

No portion of any round (Preliminaries, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, or Finals) can be televised or exhibited via any media during any of Scripps’ broadcast windows listed above, even if coverage is supplied to you by other broadcasters, cablecasters or news services. Additionally, no footage from the Scripps televised production of the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** (even if from an earlier, previously televised round) may be used during any of the Scripps broadcast windows listed above.

**Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, footage may be exhibited during the times set forth above for Preliminaries and Quarterfinals only, provided that such footage must immediately be followed by a full-screen graphic, no less than three (3) seconds in length, that reflects the messaging set forth via the link below:*

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The following rules apply to television coverage, as well as to the Internet and other broadcast platforms and media. They also apply to any simulcasts of the applicable programming as part of that television network or station distributed, on an authenticated basis, via any audio/video means or media now known or hereafter devised.

National and local news media may air up to five (5) minutes of footage in regularly scheduled news programming for a one-week period, commencing only after Scripps concludes its live coverage.

- Excerpts may only include highlight footage of the event and not interviews, features or audio material (including voices of on-air talent).
- The footage must be recorded such that it does not interfere with Scripps' own recording/broadcasting (as determined in Scripps' sole discretion), and Scripps' graphics, network logo and scoreboard included in the off-air highlights may not be blocked or covered.
- You must provide appropriate audio and video courtesy credit to "Scripps National Spelling Bee" in any program using event highlights.

Please advise your affiliates and subscribers of our exclusive rights and these restrictions. Any violation of Scripps' exclusive rights by your organization may subject your organization to any and all remedies available to Scripps including, without limitation, a copyright infringement action. Scripps hereby reserves all rights and remedies it may have with respect to these telecasts and any unauthorized use thereof. If you or your affiliates or other related companies wish to otherwise exhibit or cause the exhibition of an excerpt of the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** outside of these guidelines, please contact Scripps at rebecca.cochran@scripps.com and michael.perry@scripps.com with your request.