## Newsletter Rubric

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Each Virtual Enterprises Company is asked to create a newsletter that is directed to the employees of the firm. The newsletter must be at least two, $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$ pages in length front and back and saved in PDF format.

## GUIDELINES

- Student-employees of each company will design and display company newsletters.
- All student-employees can participate in the design and production of the newsletter. The design must be original student work.
- All entries must be appropriate for a school event.
- Evaluation will follow the rubric on the next page.
- The top teams in each category will receive awards as determined by the competition host.


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| Newsletter Rubric |  | Firm Name |  |  |  |
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| Evaluation Item | Not Demonstrated | Does Not Meet Expectations | Meets <br> Expectations | Exceeds Expectations | Points Earned |
| Key Information |  |  |  |  |  |
| Required elements: <br> - Title bar or newsletter heading <br> - Company name <br> - Company logo <br> - Company address <br> - Company phone <br> - Company URL <br> Optional elements <br> - Company fax <br> - Tagline or slogan | 0 | 1-7 | 8-14 | 15-20 |  |
| Quality of Content <br> - Focuses on employee/company related information and events. <br> - Offers information about company employees and VEI upcoming events. <br> - Provides information that helps employees develop new skills. <br> - Shares details on a new or key product offering. | 0 | 1-7 | 8-14 | 15-20 |  |
| Design and Layout |  |  |  |  |  |
| Presentation: <br> - Original Production. <br> - The theme(s) and colors (seasonal, special event, etc.) enhance the overall quality of the newsletter. <br> - The layout is both logical and appealing for the reader. <br> - The selected design elements reinforce the content/message. <br> - Graphics are professional and include captions where needed. <br> - Font styles and shapes are consistently used. | 0 | 1-7 | 8-14 | 15-20 |  |
| Graphics and Images <br> - Presented in a professional manner. <br> - High-quality, carefully chosen graphics enhance the product. <br> - Proper trademarks are provided for product images. <br> - Color palates and picture choice help to communicate the flyer's message. | 0 | 1-7 | 8-14 | 15-20 |  |

## Depth and Flow of Content

- Must be at least four (4) sides (two pages front and back).
- The page size is $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$.
- Shows clear evidence of planning and organization.
- Is annotated with volume, issue number, and date.


## Deductions

| Obvious copyright infringement or plagiarism; example, use of the Nike brand or logo without permission <br> (2 points for each occurrence). |  |  |  |  |
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| Typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors (up to 1 point for each). |  |  |  |  |
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