

# THE CHATTERBOX SPORTS STORY RUBRIC

Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print out your story and attach this rubric to the top. Turn in to Mrs. Hawke.

Objectives	Qualities for Perfect Score	Points available	Earned Points	
			Editor Initials:	Adviser
Lead	Original and catchy; fits well with rest of story; invites readers ( <b>sports news</b> : summarizes story; <b>sports features</b> : uses specific case to illustrate broader topic)	15		
Sources	Evidence of writer's trying to include as many sources as necessary to present all sides, including opposing teams; all identified properly and info. properly attributed; all info. is accurate, thorough; focus on upcoming games and challenges, and past games; includes key players and coaches	15		
Quotes	Show evidence of good research and interviewing; effective and story-telling; cover broad range of the topic; not strung together; show good quote-transition structure	15		
Organization/Flow	Shows strong organization with clear transitions and logical connections; (sports features: moves from specific case to broader, more general topic)	15		
Focus/Unity	Clear focus; nothing detracts from primary focus; everything contributes to overall theme	15		
Writing Style	Interesting, strong, effective; clear voice and variety of sentence structures; tightly written; original and thoughtful; strong, action verbs and vivid word choice	15		
Journalistic Style	No errors in journalistic style; short paragraphs; quotes stand alone; no editorializing (unless opinion story)	15		
Grammar/Spelling	Well edited and spell-checked; no errors, including proper spelling of all names	15		
Formatting	Follows Story Submission Style sheet	5		
Missed deadline	One day late = -20% More than one day late = 100%	-		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>125</b>		