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PSPA SJC Write-off Contest
(Adapted from the JEA Write-off Contest form)

Contestant _____

3Y - Yearbook Sports Writing - (28 points possible)

*The Critique Sheet is used for feedback to the contestant.
High marks do not necessarily mean an award will be given.*

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| Strengths: |
| Suggestions: |

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| Content/Coverage Compelling lead Clear, interesting, central sports focus/angle Effectively incorporates source material: background information; relevant, colorful quotes | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Organization Skillful lead that informs and captures the reader A clear, strong angle governs story structure, and it progresses in logical order Skillfully transitions between ideas Uses quotations liberally without stating the obvious/repeating info; attributes info correctly | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Conventions Follows AP style Contains few convention errors Adheres to accepted legal and ethical journalistic practices | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Word Choice Uses precise language Refrains from redundancy Uses techniques such as imagery and/or figurative language, if appropriate Eliminates unnecessary wordiness Uses dynamic, specific verbs Does not employ cliches Avoids passive verbs/voice | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Sentence Fluency Contains sentences that are concise and well-built Variety of sentence beginnings Natural rhythm, cadence, and flow | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Voice Tone is objective and fair Writing connects directly with the reader, showing an awareness of audience and purpose Writing shows and does not tell Writer captures the voice of those interviewed Writing evokes an emotional response | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Length Approximately 250-300 words | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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| <p>4 = excellent 3 = good 2 = average 1 = poor 0 = element is missing or does not meet the criteria for judging</p> |
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