

Technical Requirements for Programs Submitted for Playback on PCTV

(Requirements may be revised as needed)

1. Media and Formats

DVD: DVD is now the preferred media.

- NO DVD disc with adhesive labeling can be accepted.
- ONLY DVD's recorded at SP will be accepted; NO LP (4hr) or EP (6hr)
- We request 5 seconds of black prior to the beginning of your video
- We request 5 seconds of black after the last frame of your video.
- When authoring, set to Autoplay. Avoid complex or animated Title menus.
- No color bars, slate or countdown are necessary or desirable.
- Must fit DVD file specifications (listed below)
- PCTV cannot guarantee that DVD's submitted that do not meet all of the above criteria will be played on PCTV channels.
- No more than one program per DVD

DVD File Specifications:

- A DVD cannot be transferred to the server unless it has a Video_TS folder. MPEG is the only format supported.
- The following information comes from the TelVue Support center:

In order to run in the playback server, a normal "minimum" content DVD should have the following files:

VIDEO_TS.BUP
VIDEO_TS.IFO
VIDEO_TS.VOB
VTS_01_0.BUP
VTS_01_0.IFO
VTS_01_0.VOB
VTS_01_1.VOB

Video Tape:

- Accepted program submission format: Large format DV or DVCam (no Mini-DV).
- Tapes recorded in DV format must be recorded in SP mode; NO LP (4hr) or EP (6hr).
- No more than one program per tape.
- Program must begin within first minute of tape.
- Shows that start :15 to :30 sec. from the beginning of the tape are ideal
- Program must have 1:00 min. sync black at the end

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2. Aspect Ratio

- PCTV transmits cable television programming via Comcast and Verizon analog cable channels 21 and 47. These channels are presented in standard definition analog 4:3 aspect ratio. It is preferable that submissions for playback be formatted 4:3. If originally produced or recorded in 16:9, it is preferable that the program be letterboxed into a 4:3 aspect ratio for submission.

3. Program Length

- To be considered program length, show has to be a minimum of 15:00 min.
- Half hour programs should be not longer than 28:30 (easiest length to schedule)
- Hour programs should not be longer than 58:30
- If a program is over 1 hour long it has to be a minimum of 1:20:00 min. long.
- Although the 28:30 and 58:30 time ranges are the ideal lengths, we will still accept programs of varying lengths and will schedule them according to their length and schedule availability.

4. Labeling

- Media, (tape or DVD), must be labeled with provider's Name and Phone Number, the Title, and the Total Running Time (TRT= Hours: Minutes: Seconds).
- We do not accept media without labeled faces, cases, boxes or sleeves.

5. Forms

- Please write in pen and fill out all forms completely.
- All submissions must be accompanied by proper forms or your program will delay in airing
- It is very important that you include the program length.
- You are required to have a Statement of Compliance on file at PCTV.

6. Recording Quality

- Programs do not have to be "Broadcast Quality" but if they are of extremely poor video or audio quality, we cannot guarantee that they will be played.