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To: Boys Soccer Tournament Managers

From: John R. Johnson, Director of Broadcast Properties

Re: 2020 Tournament Public Address Scripts

Enclosed are the public address announcement scripts to be read by your announcer for the MHSAA tournament event at your site.

Please note that these scripts are provided in the order in which they are to be read.

If you are hosting, please remember, this is a tournament event – not a home event – and you should plan to have your announcer conduct him or herself accordingly.

In the interest of good sportsmanship, please follow the script when introducing the participating teams. Your announcer **shall be a neutral party** when introducing teams, and should not show any favoritism to either team, **even if one of the participants is the host school;** or perform in such a manner that is designed to evoke a response from the crowd (i.e. -- "Are You Ready!" or "Let's Rumble!" etc.).

NEW!!! – Included in this packet are scripts to assist you in promoting masking up and social distancing – one for the very opening of the game, and a second to be used at discretion; and scripts regarding live streaming video restrictions for tournament play.

Boys Soccer Districts
Pixellot/School Broadcast Program Sites
(Includes top line hosted First Round & Semifinal games)

Division 1
Birmingham Seaholm
Bloomfield Hills
Brownstown Woodhaven
East Lansing
Fenton
Grand Blanc
Highland Milford
Lake Orion
Macomb L'Anse Creuse
Northville
Novi
Saline
Troy Athens
Warren DeLaSalle Collegiate
Waterford Mott

Division 2
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood
Dearborn Divine Child
East Grand Rapids
Garden City
Petoskey
St. Clair Shores Lake Shore
St. Joseph
Vicksburg

Division 3
Clare
Comstock Park
Grand Rapids South Christian
Hemlock
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
Reed City

Division 4
Ithaca
Manchester

Boys Soccer Regionals
Pixellot/School Broadcast Program Sites

Division 1
Northville
Troy Athens

Division 2
Cedar Springs
Dearborn Divine Child
Plainwell

Division 3
Clare
Grand Rapids South Christian
Livonia Clarenceville

Division 4

Boys Soccer Semifinals
Pixellot/School Broadcast Program Sites

Division 1
Novi

Division 3
Cedar Springs

Division 4
Troy Athens

NOTES - When saying the MHSAA acronym, say each letter – M – H – S – A – A. Do not say M-H-S-Double A or try to say MHSAA as a word. And, when saying the year – say "two thousand twenty or two thousand twenty-one" as opposed to "twenty-twenty or twenty-twenty-one."

20:00 Prior To Game Time

Spectator Streaming Restrictions

Fans are reminded that the broadcast and streaming rights of this event belong exclusively to the N-F-H-S Network, the M-H-S-A-A, and those media outlets which have pre-arranged to secure those rights. Any individual streaming of this event is strictly prohibited.

Spectator Streaming Restrictions (If game being streamed by MHSAA/NFHS Network)

Fans are reminded that this event is being streamed live on the N-F-H-S Network and M-H-S-A-A T-V, and that the that the broadcast and streaming rights of this event belong exclusively to the N-F-H-S Network and the M-H-S-A-A. Any individual streaming of this event is strictly prohibited.

Spectator Streaming Restrictions (If game being streamed by host school or third party)

Fans are reminded that this event is being streamed live on _____, and that the that the broadcast and streaming rights of this event belong exclusively to the M-H-S-A-A. Any individual streaming of this event is strictly prohibited.

Michigan Athletic Trainers Society

Injury prevention along with proper identification and management of athletic injuries and illness are key components to safe sport participation. Certified athletic trainers are licensed healthcare professionals working with many high schools across Michigan to help reduce the risk for all sports! Please check out Michigan-A-T-Society-Dot-org for additional information and resources!

16:00 Prior To Game Time

Watch MHSAA Finals on MHSAA.TV

Get your pass to watch live streaming video of M-H-S-A-A Fall Championships on the M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V website. One low cost of $10.99 per month gives you access to Dozens of regular-season games daily, as well as selected tournament events from the Districts to the Finals. Subscribe today at M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V.

Health & Safety Page of MHSAA Website

Health concerns in high school sports go beyond physical injuries. The mental well-being of our young people is a hotter topic than ever before. The Michigan High School Athletic Association website has resources to help adults and students recognize potential problems and deal with them in a positive way. You can learn more about these mental health resources on the Health & Safety page of the M-H-S-A-A Website.

Officials Recruitment

There's always help wanted when it comes to high school game officials. Every year, over one thousand new officials are needed. Officiating is a great way to stay in shape, stay close to the game and so much more. Signing up is easy. To become a registered high school game official – log on to MHSAA Dot Com.

12:00 Prior To Game

Front Liners

If there's one thing we learned recently, it's there are people on the front lines working hard for you and worthy of your respect. At this event, the front liners are school administrators creating a safe environment, coaches teaching your kids about the game, and officials applying the rules impartially for fair competition. Let's remember and be thankful for the efforts of these people and many others behind the scenes for making today's game possible.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship has never been more important – between the lines in athletics and outside those lines in our communities. To listen, to respect, to understand, to have competition without contentiousness. Sportsmanlike qualities are the essential components of life itself. Let's all work together to be good sports.

8:00 Prior To Game

Meijer

Now, a message from your local Meijer. Local sports are the biggest win for our community. They build leaders, teach good sportsmanship, and bring us all together. That's why Meijer goes above and beyond to support hundreds of local teams in the Midwest – including your very own. From the little leagues to the big leagues, and from uniforms to stadiums, Meijer knows that when we support the home teams…we all win.

UDIM

Chocolate milk has essential nutrients every athlete needs not typically found in traditional sports drinks. Next time you grab a beverage, whether it's in the lunch room, out on the field or at home, remember to rethink your drink and pick chocolate milk. Chocolate milk is the official beverage of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Farm Bureau - Scholar-Athlete Award

Nearly two thousand of the state's top student-athletes will be recognized for excelling academically and in school activities through the M-H-S-A-A's Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance. The applicants will be in the running for a total of 32 one-thousand dollar college scholarships. Application materials are available exclusively online through the M-H-S-A-A Website.

4:00 Prior To Game

Henry Ford Health System (System is singular – do not say "Systems")
Discover a whole new way to treat the whole athlete. With the leading sports medicine team in Michigan…. Henry Ford Health System. At our new Center for Athletic Medicine, you'll get the same care the pros do. Henry Ford Health System. All for you.

Game Balls
The M-H-S-A-A is proud to use products from Wilson Sporting Goods. For athletes to perform their best, they require the best, and that's what Wilson has delivered for over one-hundred years. Learn more at Wilson – Dot – Com.

See Something-Say Something (You may wish to adjust reporting location)
Welcome to _____ High School. For your safety and security, the Athletics Department and School Administration encourage you to be aware of unusual activity. Please report any suspicious activity to us here at the announcer's stand ***immediately.*** Enjoy the meet and remember – Report Suspicious Activity – See Something – Say Something!

Welcome For All Tournament Games

Good _____. The Michigan High School Athletic
(Morning, Afternoon, Evening)
Association welcomes you to _____ for today's
(Name of school/facility)
_____ game in the Two Thousand Twenty Division ____ Boys Soccer
(District, Regional, Semifinal)
Tournament. We're glad you're here! Now that we're here, let's all do of the things that got us here. For the players and coaches, it's hard work between the lines as well as doing what everyone else here should be doing – Masking Up! – Social Distancing – And taking the kind of personal responsibility necessary to keep the virus at bay. Enjoy the game and remember that nothing beats good sportsmanship and together, we can beat COVID-19!!!

Follow With National Anthem & Player Introductions

Ladies and gentlemen: The Star Spangled Banner recalls our past – and ongoing fight for freedom; freedom of diversity; and our responsibility to promote respect and equality for all. Let us be united in those efforts today, as we join together in the singing of our National Anthem.

Player Introductions

Introduce Lineups In Order Shown Below & Do Not Show Favoritism For One Team Over Another

And now let's meet the lineups for today's game between the

_____ of _____;
(Visiting team nickname) (School)

and the _____ of _____.
(Home team nickname) (School)

For the visiting team, the _____ of _____:
(Nickname) (School)

(Announce all players in numerical order)

The head coach of the _____ is _____.
(Nickname) (Name)

For the home team, the _____ of _____:
(Nickname) (School)

(Announce all players in numerical order)

The head coach of the _____ is _____.
(Nickname) (Name)

Your referee for today's game is: _____, the assistant referees

are _____ and _____.

(The alternate is _____.)

End Of First Half – As Teams Leave Field

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Halftime – With 2:00 On Clock

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Mask Up! Stop The Spread!

Ladies and gentlemen, _____ High School and the M-H-S-A-A encourages everyone to wear cloth face coverings when out in public to slow the spread of COVID-19. Face coverings are meant to protect you and especially others you come in contact with. Mask Up! Stop the spread!

Discretionary Mask-Up Script

All across our nation, we've taken steps together to slow the spread of Coronavirus. We all still risk getting the virus and spreading it to others – maybe without realizing we're sick. For our games to continue and to get back to overall health, we should: follow state and local guidelines; stay six feet from others when we can; and wear face coverings in public when we can't. These small actions will make a big difference.

During Latter Portion Of Second Half

Stay in seats for trophy presentation
(Championship game only – 1x during second half, 1x during overtime)

We remind you that following the conclusion of this championship game, we will award medals and trophies to the winning team. We ask all fans to stay in their seats so the awards ceremony may begin immediately at the conclusion of the game. Thank you.

IF SCORE IS TIED AT THE END OF REGULATION

Ladies and gentlemen, the score at the end of regulation play is:

_____ -- _____

_____ -- _____

We will now play two 10-minute overtime periods to completion, with the team leading at the end of overtime winning the game. If the game is tied at the end of overtime, a shootout will be used to determine a winner which will advance in the tournament.

Break Between Regulation & Overtime

Second Half @ MHSAA.COM

The Second Half page of the MHSAA website gets you closer to the action with features on high school sports from around the state, weekly coaches associations rankings and coverage of MHSAA Tournament Finals. It's a great read with fresh content nearly every weekday during the school year. Make the MHSAA's Second Half your first stop for high school sports information.

Sportsmanship

We've always said that Sportsmanship is the Golden Rule in action. But why should it stop when the game is over? Now more than ever, we need to respect each other and treat each other with common decency not only between the lines – but outside the lines in our daily lives. In sports and in life – nothing beats good sportsmanship.

Break Between Overtime Periods

This Week In High School Sports

Stay in tune with the preps by listening to This Week In High School Sports on the M-H-S-A-A Network. Carried on nearly 100 radio stations and web audio outlets, This Week features various sports, provides officiating insights on its Be The Referee segment and closes with a weekly commentary. This Week In High School Sports can also be heard by visiting the home page of the M-H-S-A-A Website.

MHSAA Social Media

Keep up with everything M-H-S-A-A on social media. Look us up on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for tournament updates, event announcements, video highlights and high school sports news from around the state. It's the best way to connect with the M-H-S-A-A every day!

IF SCORE IS TIED AT THE END OF OVERTIME

Ladies and gentlemen, the score at the end of overtime play is:

_____ -- _____

_____ -- _____

A shootout will be used to determine a winner which will advance in the tournament. Each team will have 5 attempts to shoot, with the team leading after 5 kicks being declared the winner. If the shootout is tied after 5 kicks, the two teams will alternate kicks until the tie is broken. (You may announce the winner of coin flip and the order in which the teams will kick)

No announcements during the shootout to introduce kickers, keepers, etc. Following the completion of the shooout, proceed with the awards ceremony (if applicable) and read the closing statement.

At Conclusion Of Game – Closing Statement
Non District/Regional Final Games

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and _____
(Name of host site)

have enjoyed having you at today's game, and we look forward to having you as our guest at future events. Please drive carefully on your way home.

Good _____.
(Day, Afternoon, Evening, Night)

Awards Ceremony Script

Ladies and gentlemen, before the presentation of the championship trophy and medals, let's acknowledge these two fine teams for their achievements this year and their play today...

At this time, we direct your attention to the midfield stripe, where

_____, _____ will make
(Name) (Title)

the awards presentation to the _____ Division _____ champions,
(District/Regional)

the _____ of_____.
(Nickname) (School Name)

First, we will present individual medals. Number ___, _____.
(Name)

(Go in numerical order for reserves, then the starters).

And accepting the championship trophy, Coach _____.
(Name)

(District/Regional Final Games Only – Read This Statement)

_____ now advances to the
(School)

_____ round of play at
(Regional/Semifinal)

_____ against the winner of the
(Site)

_____ _____.
(Site) (District/Regional)

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and _____
(Name of host site)

enjoyed having you at today's game, and we look forward to having you as our guest at future events. Please drive carefully on your way home. Good _____.
(Day, Afternoon, Evening, Night)

(Closing statement for Semifinal sites on next page)

Closing Statement For Semifinal Sites

_____ now advances to the final round of
(School)
play on Saturday at _____, against the winner of the
(Comstock Park or Novi High School)
_____ Semifinal. That game will begin at _____
(Site) (Noon or 3 p.m.)
If you can't make it to the game, remember to get your pass to watch the action live on the Internet on the M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V Website!

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and _____
(Name of host site)
enjoyed having you at today's game, and we look forward to having you as our guest at future events. Please drive carefully on your way home. Good _____.
(Day, Afternoon, Evening, Night)

Learn More About Public Address Announcing

The MHSAA is pleased to partner with the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers to help provide our games with the best announcing possible – announcing that has an educational and information tone about it – not the entertainment blare we hear at collegiate and professional events.

A special webpage has been set up on the MHSAA Website to serve as a resource for PA Announcers:

mhsaa.com/Schools/Administrators/Public-Address-Announcers

We recommend the latest edition of the NASPAA's Voice Above The Crowd and its accompanying instructional CD as a guide for announcing amateur athletic contests and events. It includes specific sections for many sports, as well as hints to assist announcers in their pre-game preparations and their in-game work.

For more information about The Voice Above The Crowd, and about an online P.A. announcing certification course, visit the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers at:

naspaa.net

Emergency Preparedness & The PA Announcer

In response to a changing world around us, schools are implementing emergency action plans – not just for the school day – but for after-school activities where large groups of people can gather and which present a variety of different security challenges – especially for outdoor events.

For the Public Address Announcer, this means having and knowing when to utilize scripts that go beyond telling spectators to stay off the floor and how to address injuries which delay the action on the playing surface (We have included examples for such situations here). The PA Announcer can be the key vehicle in delivering critical messaging as part of an entire team of team of game management personnel.

It should **not** be the responsibility of the PA Announcer to develop scripts, or for that matter, make the final decision of when a script is read in an emergency. Those should be the responsibility of the school administration.

There can be preset protocols for things like a lost child or paging someone to a specific location. But some emergency situations that affect the entire crowd, possibly prompting the evacuation of the venue, must be triggered at the top of the game management chain and should be included in the school's emergency action plan. Those situations include: Weather, Bomb or Terrorist Threat, Fire, Medical Incidents, Gas Leaks, Drive-By Shooter or Active Shooter in Vicinity, Power Outage.

The first thing the PA Announcer must do is be calm; and present clear information to move people to safety. Providing visual references to direct people as opposed to directions is important (i.e. "Proceed to the gate near the scoreboard," instead of "Go to the gate at the North end of the field.")

The bottom line is to be prepared. Know the action plan. Have scripts for various situations prepared in a binder by your side at all times.

The information that follows comes from the MHSAA's Athletic Activities Emergency Preparedness Planning Strategy document, which can be found on the MHSAA Website. The document provides encouragement for schools to develop an emergency action plan to be prepared for enhancing the safety of game participants and spectators when a critical incident occurs.

Special thanks as well to the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers, which also covers emergency readiness in its book, The Voice Above The Crowd, a training manual used by PA Announcers across the country.

Pre-Game

It is recommended that an announcement encouraging people to be aware of their surroundings and to report things they may think suspicious to the game management. Here's an example of such a script, which should be read once or twice during pre-game and once at halftime:

See Something-Say Something (You may wish to adjust reporting location)

Welcome to _____ High School. For your safety and security, the Athletics Department and School Administration encourage you to be aware of unusual activity. Please report any suspicious activity to us here at the announcer's stand ***immediately.*** Enjoy the game and remember – Report Suspicious Activity – See Something – Say Something!

During pre-game, the announcer may wish to consult with the game manager regarding potential severe weather or other known threats. It may be decided to use one of the following scripts prior to the start of the game to inform spectators of the protective plans in place:

Weather Threat

May I have your attention please. We have been watching the potential of approaching inclement weather. If it arrives during the game, activity will cease until we have determined it is safe. If we need to evacuate the stadium/gym/arena/field, we will advise you to seek appropriate shelter in the school and follow directions from staff. If you wish, seek shelter in your vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation.

Safety Plan

May I have your attention please. The (school district name) has an emergency plan to keep our students, staff, parents and visitors as safe as possible. If an emergency should occur during the game/event and we need to stop the event to evacuate or take shelter, we will advise you to seek appropriate actions and follow directions from staff and/or event volunteers. If you wish, seek shelter in your vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the contest.

During The Event

During outdoor competition, once the official signals to suspend activity because of weather, the announcer could announce:

Weather Delay

May I have your attention please. We have been notified of approaching inclement weather. Activity will cease until we have determined it is safe and the risk of lightning is diminished. We advise you to seek appropriate shelter in the school, follow directions from staff. If you wish, seek shelter in your vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation.

If during an indoor event, host management determines an evacuation is appropriate, the announcer could announce:

Building Evacuation

May I have your attention please. Due to an emergency situation in the school, we are evacuating the building. Activity will cease until we have determined it is safe and the risk has been resolved. Please follow directions from staff, exit the school and move away from the building. Responding police/fire personnel will provide further instructions. Thank you for your cooperation.

If host management determines Shelter-In-Place is appropriate, the announcer could announce:

Shelter-In-Place

May I have your attention please. Due to an emergency situation in the school, (approaching inclement weather, hazardous materials incident, etc.) activity will cease until we have determined it is safe and the risk has been resolved. We will be taking shelter inside the school, please follow directions from staff:

- Remain in the building; you are fee to move around or,
- Quickly move to shelter areas in the building.

Responding police/fire personnel will provide further instructions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keeping Spectators Off The Floor

A "Stay Off The Playing Surface" announcement should be a script the PA Announcer always has at the ready. Here's a good example to use when it appears fans may be preparing to rush the playing surface:

Stay Off The Playing Surface

Ladies and gentlemen, for your safety and the safety of the participants, we ask your cooperation in not going on the playing surface before, during or after the game. Violators will be removed from the premises and risk prosecution. Thank you.

Injured Players

An injured player down on the playing surface during a game should only be identified by the PA Announcer. The Announcer is in no position to speculate about the injury and should not talk while being attended to by medical personnel. Do not fill the time with music or announcements. Here's an example of an appropriate acknowledgement of an injured player if you can positively identify the student:

Injured Player

The injured player on the field is #2, Dylan Lewis.

And when the player is recovered and leaving the field, an announcement encouraging support from the fans is not necessary. This will take place naturally. Again, any announcement speculating about the injury is inappropriate.