To:  Member School Athletic Administrators & Public Address Announcers  
From:  John R. Johnson, Director of Broadcast Properties  
Re:  2018-19 Spring Regular-Season Public Address Scripts  

The pages that follow are scripts which may be read at your regular-season sporting events this spring. If you are hosting an MHSAA Tournament, please visit the sports specific page for the event you are hosting to download the appropriate scripts.

Public address announcers perform an important task at high school sporting events – to inform the fans in attendance and to help set an educational atmosphere for the game. You set that atmosphere in the following ways:

- Be being a welcoming, authoritative voice that fans from all schools involved can respect and appreciate.
- By being a source of information rather than a source of entertainment. Keep your calls about plays simple and straightforward.
- Treat both teams equally in terms of your inflection and enthusiasm. Do the same thing when your team or the opposing team makes a big play in terms of your call.
- Treat the officials and the calls they make with respect.
- Never talk while a play is in progress.

These points apply to all sports. To be consistent, be brief, be fair to both sides and to help promote an educational atmosphere for these events.

For more information about public address announcing, visit the MHSAA Website:

MHSAA.com > Schools > Administrators
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Public Address Announcers Clinic
MHSAA Office

Watch for more information soon and check out our new PA Announcers Resource Page at:

www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Administrators/Public-Address-Announcers
Welcome
Good ________________, and welcome to _______________________________ for today’s game with our visitors from ___________________________________. Perhaps the most important words in sports are – “How you played the game.” Play the game today with good sportsmanship. Remember, nothing beats good sportsmanship.

National Anthem Introduction
Ladies and gentlemen: The privilege of this event was made possible by those who have fought – and continue to fight for – the freedoms we enjoy. Let us now honor and respect their efforts and our country. Civilian gentlemen, please remove your hats. All veterans - we encourage you to render the appropriate salute, and everyone able - please stand at attention, placing your hand over your heart, as we proudly sing our National Anthem.

Sportsmanship
A primary reason young officials get out of officiating is abuse from adults. The future of our games depends on letting young officials – just like young players and coaches – learn their craft. If you don’t have the courage to get out there, please stay in your lane and quietly respect those who do.

New Eligibility Rule
There’s a new eligibility rule everyone needs to know. If a student transfers from one school to a new school without a change of residence, they may be ineligible to participate in that sport at the new school next year. For all of the details about the sport-specific transfer rule, start by contacting your local school athletic administrator or visit the M-H-S-A-A Website.

Watch MHSAA.TV

Multiple-Sport Participation
Here are 5 more good reasons for multi-sport participation: Multi-sport athletes are more coachable; they have higher athletic ceilings – becoming better talent in the long run; they have higher sports IQ’s; their sports skills transfer; and they are better teammates. Multi-sport participation is cross training for life. Learn more at the M-H-S-A-A website.

Scholar-Athlete Award Applications
Nearly 2 thousand of the state's top student-athletes were recognized this year through the Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Visit the M-H-S-A-A Website for a list of this year’s applicants, finalists and scholarship recipients and information about the Two-thousand-eighteen – nineteen awards program.
Sportsmanship
You have wonder sometimes how folks in the stands – so far removed from the action and who have probably never had any training – actually think they can see the play and apply the rules better than the officials assigned to a game. If you’re that good, please register immediately at M-H-S-A-A-Dot-Com. We need more officials on the playing surface and fewer in the stands.

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!

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

Officials Recruitment
High school seniors…as your prep playing days come to an end…think about staying in the game as a registered official. We need new high school sports officials now more than ever. It’s a great way to give back to the game, stay in shape, and it’s not a bad way to make some good part-time money while you’re in college. There’s Help Wanted – Just Whistle! Register online at M-H-S-A-A DOT COM!

MHSAA Health & Safety Page
Where can you find good information on all kinds of topics related to the well being of our student-athletes? Check out the Health & Safety page of the MHSAA website. Learn about multi-sport participation, heat and hydration, cardiovascular resources, as well as insurance benefits available for students. It’s all on the Health & Safety page of M-H-S-A-A dot com.

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 providers working with many high schools across Michigan to help reduce the risk. Please check out At-Your-Own-Risk-Dot-Org to see how they work in this role.

(NOTE – 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)