

**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.**

A continued point of emphasis by the NFHS and the MHSAA reminds public address announcers to keep to a minimum announcements during live ball situations; and to reinforce the fact that in educational athletics, the public address announcer is there to inform – not to entertain.

To that end, treat both teams the same in every game – especially when the host team is playing. Say who made the basket without any additional fanfare; don't announce the time remaining or the score (people can see the scoreboard); don't announce what the official has signaled; or who takes possession when the ball goes out of bounds.

**Keep it simple. Don't editorialize or cheerlead. Stick to the script.**

A sheet with best practices for basketball announcers is included with these scripts.

### **15:00 On Pre-Game Clock**

#### **Spectator Streaming Restrictions (If game is not being streamed)**

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 – Check with AD)**

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.

### **Student Advisory Council**

The M-H-S-A-A Student Advisory Council helps serve school sports as a voice of the student-athlete. Applications are now being taken for students from the Class of Two Thousand Twenty-Four to serve for two years on the Student Advisory Council. For more information about the M-H-S-A-A Student Advisory Council, visit the M-H-S-A-A Website.

**10:00 On Pre-Game Clock**

**Tonight's Game On MHSAA.TV – District & Regional Sites – If game is streamed**

This game is being streamed live on the N-H-F-S Network and M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V. If you know of someone who couldn't make today but would like to keep up with the action – call or text them now and tell them they can watch live on M-H-S-A-A T-V.

**Tonight's Game On MHSAA.TV – QUARTERFINAL SITES ONLY**

We'd like to remind you that tonight's game is one of 16 quarterfinals being streamed live on M-H-S-A-A T-V. So if you know someone who couldn't make it tonight or would like to keep up with other games around the state, punch up M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V on your computer or handheld for all the action.

**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](http://At-Your-Own-Risk-Dot-Org) to see how they work in this role.

**5:00 On Pre-Game Clock**

**Farm Bureau Scholar Athlete Award**

Nearly 2 thousand of the state's top student-athletes were recognized this year through the Scholar-Athlete Award, presented 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-Twenty-Two – Twenty-Three awards program.

**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 scorer's table ***immediately***. Enjoy the game and remember – Report Suspicious Activity – See Something – Say Something!

**Welcome**

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-Two Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 (District-Regional-Quarterfinal) (1-2-3-4)  
 Boys Basketball Tournament.

**(Then read the appropriate sportsmanship statement for the event & go to team intros)**

**(Districts)** It's Game Time!!! Time for both teams to give us their best effort on the court, and for everyone – players, coaches and fans – to give us their best sportsmanship! Remember, nothing beats good sportsmanship.

**(Regionals)** We expect a great game today - including great sportsmanship being displayed by all parties involved towards each other and towards the game officials. Remember, nothing beats good sportsmanship.

**(Quarterfinals)** The stakes are high today. Let our level of sportsmanship be even higher. Remember, nothing beats good sportsmanship.

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.

**(After Anthem - Begin player introductions)**

**Player Introductions**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_;  
(Visiting team nickname) (School)

and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Home team nickname) (School)

(Introduce players in the following order:)

1. Low number forward - visiting team
2. Low number forward - home team
3. High number forward - visiting team
4. High number forward - home team
5. Center - visiting team
6. Center - home team
7. Low number guard - visiting team
8. Low number guard - home team
9. High number guard - visiting team
10. High number guard - home team

(This is the same format as used at the semifinals and finals)

The head coach of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Visiting team) (Name)

The head coach of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Home team) (Name)

Your officials for today's game are: \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**First Quarter – First Time Out**

**Sparrow**

At Sparrow, you have access to a team of highly skilled physicians. Their orthopedics and sports medicine experts will be there every step of the way to provide you with the very best treatments available. Sparrow Health System. Mid-Michigan's own since 1912.

**First Quarter – Second Time Out**

**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.

**At End Of First Quarter**

**Michigan Army National Guard**

Your Michigan Army National Guard plays a vital role in our national defense and responds, as needed, to state emergencies to protect the lives and property of Michigan citizens. If you are interested in learning more about the Guard, visit [My-Army-Guard-Dot-Com](http://My-Army-Guard-Dot-Com)! That's M, I, Army-Guard-Dot-Com!

**Second Quarter – First Time Out**

**Meijer**

From the biggest stadiums in the state, to the familiar fields down the street, Meijer is a proud sponsor of local sports teams across the Midwest. Whenever you shop Meijer, you help support the teams that bring us together, and the values that our community is proud to stand for. You help support your community, including local sports teams, education programs, the arts, food pantries, and more programs that bring out the very best in us. From the biggest of big games, to the littlest of the little, Meijer is proud to sponsor this game, and hundreds of local sports teams across Michigan.

**Second Quarter – Second Time Out**

**Addix**

Addix is proud to be the official custom uniform partner of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Addix will design, print, cut and sew your custom uniform or apparel order in an industry-leading 6 business days or less. Michigan product for Michigan people. Start your custom apparel order today, visit A-D-D-I-X sportswear dot com.

**Halftime – After Teams Have Left The Court**

**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.

**Halftime – With 3:00 On Clock**

**Watch MHSAA.TV**

Watch live and on-demand video of M-H-S-A-A Tournaments at M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V! A \$10.99 subscription will give you access to live coverage of the Quarterfinals and Semifinals of the Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments, the Ice Hockey Semifinals and Finals, and Finals in Swimming. Subscribe now at M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V.

**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.

### **Third Quarter – First Timeout**

#### **OK2SAY**

You're a leader in the game, so be a leader in your school. By using OK2SAY, you can report anything that threatens your safety or the safety of others. Submit a confidential tip by phone, text, email, or the app. By using OK2SAY, you can make a difference. Get in the game to help make your school safe. Step up and speak up. OK2SAY lets you confidentially report anything that threatens your safety or the safety of others. Submit a tip by phone, text, email, or the iPhone or Android app. Make the play, use OK2SAY.

### **Third Quarter – Second Timeout**

#### **ICAC**

Every day, in Michigan, investigators work hard to keep people safe on the internet. For more information on how to keep your family safe online, or to submit a cyber tip, visit Michigan I C A C dot com.

### **At End Of Third Quarter**

#### **Applebee's**

Applebee's invites you to eat good in the neighborhood after every game! Join us for late-night half off appetizers at participating locations. Applebee's – proud sponsor and official restaurant of the MHSAA.

**Fourth Quarter – First Time Out**

**Sparrow**

At Sparrow, you have access to a team of highly skilled physicians. Their orthopedics and sports medicine experts will be there every step of the way to provide you with the very best treatments available. Sparrow Health System. Mid-Michigan's own since 1912.

**Fourth Quarter – Second Time Out**

**MI Student Aid**

Do you need help paying for college? Michigan Student Aid administers scholarships, grants, and college savings programs that help make college accessible, affordable and attainable for you! See how they can help you today by visiting Michigan – Dot – Gov – Slash – My Student Aid.

**Fourth Quarter – Inside 2:00 To Play**

**Stay in seats for trophy presentation (District & Regional Final Games ONLY)**

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 Game Goes To Overtime - At End Of Regulation**

### **MHSAA Social Media**

Keep up with everything M-H-S-A-A on social media. Look us up on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok 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!

### **First Overtime - First Time Out**

#### **Parents Page of MHSAA Website**

Parents can be the most influential and positive support group for young athletes as they grow and develop. The M-H-S-A-A Website has a page dedicated to parents with resources on scholarship, leadership and sportsmanship; college prep information; links to free online courses and much, much more. Just click on Schools from the home page of the M-H-S-A-A website.

### **First Overtime - Second Time Out**

#### **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.

### **End of First Overtime**

#### **Health & Safety Page of MHSAA.COM**

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.

### **Second Overtime - First Time Out**

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### **Second Overtime - Second Time Out**

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**Go back to the top of this page if additional overtimes are played**

**At Conclusion Of Game – Closing Statement – Non Final Games**

**Tickets (It is Go Fan dot C-O not Go Fan dot COM)**

Tickets for the next round will be available by noon tomorrow on Go Fan. Just go to Go Fan dot C-O to purchase tickets.

**Closing Statement**

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)

**District Awards Ceremony Script**

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

At this time, we direct your attention to center court, where the head coach of

the \_\_\_\_\_ is accepting the District \_\_\_\_ Championship  
(winning school name and nickname) (District Number)

Trophy! Congrats \_\_\_\_\_!  
(winning school)

They will now move on to play in the Regionals, which start Tuesday March 14.

Tickets for the next round will be available by noon tomorrow on Go Fan. Just go to Go Fan dot C-O to purchase tickets.

Please check out M-H-S-A-A dot com for location and time.

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)

**Regional Awards Ceremony Script**

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

At this time, we direct your attention to center court, where the head coach of

the \_\_\_\_\_ is accepting the Regional Championship

(winning school name and nickname)

Trophy! Congrats \_\_\_\_\_!

(winning school)

They will now move on to play in the Quarterfinals, on Tuesday March 22.

Tickets for the next round will be available by noon tomorrow on Go Fan. Just go to Go Fan dot C-O to purchase tickets.

Please check out M-H-S-A-A dot com for location and time.

We remind you that if you can't make it to the Quarterfinals, you can watch all the action live on M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V!

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of host site)

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\_\_\_\_\_.

(Day, Afternoon, Evening, Night)

**Quarterfinals Post-Game Script**

\_\_\_\_\_ now advances to the Semifinal round of play that starts Thursday at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. Check M-H-S-A-A dot com for game times!

Tickets for the semifinals and finals can be purchased through your school – or the Breslin Center ticket office.

We remind you that if you can't make it to the Semifinals, you can watch all the action live on M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V!

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)

## Best Practices

### Basketball Public Address Announcers

*(Adapted from NASPAA/MHSAA Clinic – 1/6/18)*

#### Player Introductions

- Follow the MHSAA script which alternates teams with each player introduced
- Position, height, grade, jersey number, then player's name.
- "At forward, a 5-10 junior, number 34, Bradley Charles."
- Give first and last names only - never nicknames.

#### The only live ball announcement allowed is for baskets scored

- When announcing a basket your goal is to finish before the ball gets back to near free throw line. – "Basket by 33 – Jane Smith."
- If basket is a three-point goal, add that fact, but with same inflection – "Three point basket for 33 – Jane Smith."
- No assists.

#### Fouls & Free Throws

- Never announce who the foul is on until the official informs the scorekeeper.
- Announce who the foul is on by name, jersey number and name of team or mascot.
- Always mention the number of personal fouls and the number of team fouls until double bonus is reached.
- Indicate if the shooter is to receive two free throws, one and one, or one.
- CEASE ANNOUNCING once shooter is handed the ball.

#### Technical Fouls

- Player Technical Fouls: Announce: "Technical Foul, (Team Name) #10, Joe Smith, his \_\_\_\_\_ foul, team \_\_\_\_\_" (if not in double bonus).
- Coach Technical Fouls: "Technical foul, (Team Name) bench, the team's \_\_\_\_\_ foul."

#### Time Outs

- Wait for the signal from the official for the length of the time out called.
- "Time Out – (Nickname or School Name) – This is a 30-second time out."
- "Time Out – (Nickname or School Name) – This is a full time out."
- "Official's Time Out."
- At end of quarter – "The end of the First Quarter." (Except at end of game – give final score)

**Points of Emphasis**

- Do not talk over live play except to finish announcing who made the basket.
- Do not announce violations, change of possession on out-of-bounds, time remaining.
- Never talk when the free throw shooter has their hands on the ball.

**For other situations and more detailed information, go to  
NASPAA.NET**

## **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.

We recommend the latest edition of *The 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](http://naspaa.net)**