

**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.

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**Rawlings**

Rawlings is the official basketball of the M-H-S-A-A basketball tournament. We thank Rawlings for their contributions to interscholastic athletics.

**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-F-H-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**

Behind every safe comeback and confident return to play are Michigan's athletic trainers – licensed healthcare professionals dedicated to injury prevention, immediate care, and rehabilitation of athletes at all levels. From practice to competition, athletic trainers provide care you can count on. Learn more about their role at [Michigan-A-T-Society-dot-org](http://Michigan-A-T-Society-dot-org).

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

**Farm Bureau Scholar Athlete Award**

Nearly fifteen hundred 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-Five – Twenty-Six awards program.

**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-SIX Division \_\_\_\_\_  
(District-Regional-Quarterfinal) (1-2-3-4)

Boys Basketball Tournament... Presented by the Michigan Achievement  
Scholarship – it's a game changer!

**(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, at this time we ask that you please rise as we honor America with the (*playing/singing*) of 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****Michigan Student Aid**

The MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament... is presented by the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. It's a Game Changer. Do you need money for college? Students in the Class of 2026 are encouraged to take advantage of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, which could provide up to \$27,500! Learn more today at [Michigan.gov slash Achievement](https://Michigan.gov/slash/Achievement).

**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**

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

**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****Michigan Gaming Control Board**

The Michigan Gaming Control Board hopes you're enjoying today's game and the exciting road to the high school championship. If you choose to bet on sports, remember to always play it smart. For helpful tips and resources, visit [don't-regret-the-bet-dot-org](https://don-t-regret-the-bet-dot-org). That's [don't-regret-the-bet-dot-org](https://don-t-regret-the-bet-dot-org).



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

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#### **Mi-ABLE (pronounced as My Able)**

When you open a MY ABLE disability savings account, you make it possible to invest, save, and spend without the risk of losing government benefits. Whether you are saving for the future or funding day to day expenses MY ABLE can help. Visit Michigan Dot Gov Slash M-I- ABLE today.

#### **MI Student Aid**

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**Halftime – With 3:00 On Clock****Meijer**

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**B4 Foundation**

Mental health conditions, such as depression or anxiety, are real, common, and treatable. The mental health and safety of all student-athletes is a top priority of the MHSAA. If you or someone you know is struggling – help is available, contact a mental health professional. A message from the B-4 Foundation.

**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 24/7 by phone, text, email, online, or thru the mobile app. By using OK2SAY, you can make a difference.

**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 dot gov slash I-C-A-C.

**At End Of Third Quarter**

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### **Fourth Quarter – First Time Out**

#### **Use for DISTRICTS - Dick's Sporting Goods**

As a proud sponsor of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, DICK'S Sporting Goods is offering all local athletes and their families 20% off their in-store purchase between Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a valid coupon. Head to [MHSAA.COM](https://mhsaa.com/dsg) slash DSG to find the exclusive coupon offer.

#### **Use for REGIONALS/QUARTERFINALS - Dick's Sporting Goods**

Games shape futures. Bus rides build bonds. Coaches change character. That's why DICK'S Sporting Goods believes that sports have the power to change lives. This belief has guided DICK'S since the beginning, and it is the inspiration behind their ongoing Sports Change Lives campaign. Shop our stores locally throughout the state or learn more and shop online at [dicks sporting goods dot com](https://dicksportinggoods.com).

### **Fourth Quarter – Second Time Out**

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**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**

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**First Overtime - First Time Out****Sportsmanship**

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.

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

#### **Multi-Sport Participation**

Maybe you've seen the videos of the specialized sports parent support group or the kid holding a press conference to announce his retirement from sports – at the age of 9. The problem is that they'd be really funny if there wasn't a lot of truth there. Multi-sport participation provides a healthier experience – and lifestyle – for kids and families. Multi-sport participation is cross training for life. Learn more at the MHSAA website.

### **End of First Overtime**

#### **MHSAA Social Media**

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

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**Second Overtime - Second Time Out**

**Sportsmanship**

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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**

Tickets for the next round will be available online – go to MHSAA dot com and click on Basketball to get your 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (title)

Will make the award presentations to the District Champion\_\_\_\_\_!  
(school nickname)

*(go in numeric order)*

And accepting the District \_\_\_\_ Championship Trophy – Head Coach \_\_\_\_.

(District Number)

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

They will now move on to play in the Regionals, which start Tuesday, March 3.

You can purchase tickets online – just go to MHSAA dot com and click on Basketball to get your tickets.

And please be sure to check out M-H-S-A-A dot com for location and time.

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

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## **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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (title)

Will make the award presentations to the Regional Champion \_\_\_\_\_!  
(school nickname)

(go in numeric order)

And accepting the Region \_\_\_\_ Championship Trophy – Head Coach \_\_\_\_.

(Region Number)

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

They will now move on to play in the Quarterfinals, on Tuesday, March 10.

You can purchase tickets online – just go to MHSAA dot com and click on Basketball to get your tickets.

And please be sure to 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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**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!

Digital tickets for the semifinals and finals can be purchased on the Breslin Center website 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)  
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\_\_\_\_\_.  
(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 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.

**Learn More About Public Address Announcing**

<https://www.mhsaa.com/i-am/public-address-announcers>