

Please Note - If you are hosting a meet in your own facility, please remember, this is a tournament – not a home meet – and you should plan to have your announcer conduct him or herself accordingly.

In the interest of good sportsmanship, please follow the script when doing introductions. Your announcer shall be a neutral party; should not show any favoritism to any team, even if one of the participants is from 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.).

*Please Read These Scripts Approximately 25 Minutes Before The Start Of The Meet*

**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.

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### **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-Three to serve for two years on the Student Advisory Council. For more information about the M-H-S-A-A Student Advisory Council, and to view the Student-Athlete Belief Statement, visit the Student Leadership page of the M-H-S-A-A Website.

### **Scholar-Athlete Award**

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### **ICAC**

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### **Applebees**

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**Addix**

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**Michigan Student Aid**

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**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 head table immediately. Enjoy the meet and remember – Report Suspicious Activity – See Something – Say Something!

*Please Read These Scripts Approximately 10 Minutes Before The Start Of The Meet*

**Game On MHSAA.TV (Read only if your site is streaming– And check with your AD)**

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.

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**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.

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### **Michigan Army National Guard**

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Good \_\_\_\_\_. The Michigan High School Athletic

(Morning, Afternoon, Evening)

Association welcomes you to \_\_\_\_\_ for today's

(Name of school)

\_\_\_\_(District/Regional)\_\_\_\_ competition in the Two-Thousand-Twenty-Two Division

\_\_\_\_ Team Dual Wrestling Tournament – Powered by the Michigan Army National Guard!

**(Then read the sportsmanship statement for the level of game & go to Anthem)**

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

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

Ladies and gentlemen: The privilege of this game 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.

Let's welcome our participating teams... we have the:

(Team #1 School name and nickname)

(Team #2 School name and nickname)

(Continue for all participating schools)

Your officials today are: \_\_\_\_\_,

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

(announce all officials)

*The following scripts are to be read during breaks in the action and between rounds*

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### **District Awards Ceremony Script**

At this time, we want to congratulate the \_\_\_\_\_

(school name and nickname)

the Division \_\_\_\_\_ District champions!

Accepting the championship trophy, Coach \_\_\_\_\_.

(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ now advances to the

(School)

Team Regional Championship. Please check out M-H-S-A-A dot com for regional sites and times.

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**CLOSING:**

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

(Name of host site)

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

**Regional Awards Ceremony Script**

At this time, we want to congratulate the \_\_\_\_\_

(school name and nickname)

the Division \_\_\_\_\_ Regional champions!

Accepting the championship trophy, Coach \_\_\_\_\_.

(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ now advances to

(School)

Team Finals at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo on Friday February 25th.

You can find out the Quarterfinal pairings on the M-H-S-A-A Website, and you can watch all the action live on M-H-S-A-A Dot T-V!

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### **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](https://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](https://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.

### **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 free 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.