



## Oregon School Activities Association

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**Reminders to announcers:** It is with great responsibility that you are the voice of the event. Please remember to conduct yourself professionally and bring honor to your school.

- Treat both teams with equal enthusiasm
- Emphasize the educational nature of the game
- Be brief and consistent with calls
- Neutrality for penalty calls
- No announcements while play is in action
- Be informative, don't be funny
- The announcer needs to ensure accuracy of statements before announcing them
- When in doubt, remain silent

**\*Provided by the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers**

### **Required Pre-Contest Public Address Announcement:**

***Suggested timing: after the National Anthem***

The OSAA requests that you model good sportsmanship by refraining from derogatory cheers, chants or behavior toward students, coaches, officials, or other spectators. Any verbal, written or physical conduct relating to race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion will not be tolerated. Such conduct may subject the violator to removal from the event and result in penalties assessed against your school. Any spectator removed from this event may be banned from attending future interscholastic events. Speak out if you see inappropriate behavior by immediately notifying event management staff. (Identify management staff)

The OSAA and Our Community are committed to a welcoming environment that promotes fair play and respect for all, and expect the same from each of you here today/tonight. We request your cooperation in supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Together, we can provide a safe and respectful environment for all.



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## SPORTSMANSHIP PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcement during an early break in the game:** As we welcome (name of school) for tonight's/today's game, we remind you that interscholastic events are an extension of the classroom. Please, let your good sportsmanship show throughout the contest. Let's make our visitors feel welcome and give our officials the respect they deserve for doing a difficult job. Speak out if you see inappropriate behavior and immediately notify event management staff. We all share responsibility for good sportsmanship.

**Announcement for use during breaks in the game:** Remember what high school activities are all about – participation, teamwork, effort and sacrifice. The OSAA and the participating schools encourage you to keep high school activities in the proper perspective by maintaining a positive attitude towards players, officials and the opposing team. Let's continue to show respect and sportsmanship throughout this contest and refrain from derogatory cheers, chants or behaviors. It's all about respect of the game, each other, and yourself.

**Announcement for use during breaks in the game:** Each school is proud of their team, school spirit, tradition and sportsmanship. The OSAA and the participating schools request your support in creating a respectful environment to make this contest more enjoyable for all involved. We encourage you to model good sportsmanship while positively supporting your team. It's all about respect. Respect the game; respect others; respect yourself – that's sportsmanship.

**Announcement for use during breaks in the game:** Ethics, integrity and respect are some of the educational lessons learned in athletics. Providing an educational environment is critical to the success of high school athletics and activity programs. An important part of that environment is planning for good sportsmanship. Without good sportsmanship, the lessons lose their value. Remember that when you attend an interscholastic contest you are really inside a classroom where good sportsmanship receives the highest grade.

**Announcement when the crowd is acting up:** Admission to an interscholastic event is a privilege, and with that privilege comes responsibility—responsibility to conduct oneself in a manner where the game is enjoyable for other fans and participants. Parents, fans and people in the community all set an example for our students. Everyone is asked to take personal responsibility for keeping this game at a high level of good sportsmanship. Speak out if you see inappropriate behavior and immediately notify event management staff.

**Announcement for use during breaks near the end of the game:** The score of any athletic event is generally forgotten over time, but the actions of participants, coaches and spectators are remembered. We ask that all spectators continue to display good sportsmanship even after this contest is over. Remember, good sports are all winners in the end.