



**Pre-Game Guidelines For Announcers**  
(Approximate Time: 2 Minutes)

GOOD EVENING! WELCOME TO THIS FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_\_\_. THIS GAME IS BEING CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF TONIGHT'S GAME, ALL OF THE PLAYERS HAVE PROVEN THEIR  
WILLINGNESS TO WORK AND SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE.

WE ASK THAT AS A SPECTATOR, YOU CONSIDER THE TIME AND EFFORT EACH OF THESE TEAMS,  
COACHES, AND ATHLETES HAVE PUT FORTH.

CHEER THESE YOUNG ATHLETES, APPLAUD THEM, BUT DO NOT, THROUGH ANY OF YOUR ACTIONS,  
CAUSE THEM TO DOUBT THE VALUE OF ATHLETICS.

BY YOUR CONDUCT, ALLOW THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO FEEL PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOL.  
WHILE YOUR SPORTSMANLIKE ACTIONS MAY PLAY ONLY A SMALL PART IN THE OUTCOME OF THIS  
GAME, IT WILL PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN CONTINUING TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS.

WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE TAKING PART  
INDIRECTLY IN TONIGHT'S GAME--THE CHEERLEADERS, THE BANDS, THE PEP SQUAD, AND THE STUDENTS  
WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THEIR TEAMS AT HOME AND AWAY. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY AN INTEGRAL  
PART IN THEIR TEAM'S SUCCESS.

THE OFFICIALS FOR THIS GAME HAVE BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR BOTH SCHOOLS. THEIR ROLE IS NOT UNLIKE THOSE OF PLAYERS, COACHES, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. WITHOUT THEM THIS GAME WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION OF THE RULES ARE A RESULT OF ANNUAL TESTING, YEARS OF STUDY, AND CONTINUAL PARTICIPATION IN CLINICS THAT FURTHER REFINE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME. WE ASK YOU, AS STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND CITIZENS, TO DEMONSTRATE THE KIND OF RESPECT FOR THESE OFFICIALS YOU WOULD EXTEND TO ANY DEDICATED PERSON IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THIS MEANS THAT YOU AS A FAN:

- 1) SHOULD NOT CRITICIZE THE PLAYERS ON EITHER TEAM,
- 2) SHOULD NOT BOO THE OFFICIALS,
- 3) SHOULD NOT HAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS SINCE IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW,
- 4) SHOULD BE COURTEOUS TO THE VISITING FANS,
- 5) SHOULD CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM, AND
- 6) SHOULD SHOW RESPECT FOR INJURED PLAYERS ON BOTH TEAMS.