



CAMPAIGN PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR USE AT HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to today's contest between _____ and _____. As member schools of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, we remind you that sportsmanship and the objectives of educational athletics are what set this event apart from other levels of competition. Your cooperation and support of the values promoted by these two schools is appreciated.

The schools participating in this event are members of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, which have adopted the rules under which the games are conducted. A strong commitment to excellence, fair play and sportsmanship are all vital to this activity's success. _____ and _____ Schools appreciate your recognition of the values being taught at this educational event.

We are pleased to welcome you today to _____ School. Good sportsmanship is one of the primary purposes of educational athletics. Our student-athletes recognize that judgment calls--by coaches, officials and themselves--are made in good faith and should be respected. Spectators can support both of these teams by refraining from derogatory or demeaning comments and cheers today. We hope that you will enjoy the game and support the students in a positive and sportsmanlike manner.

When _____ School sponsors an athletic event, it considers that happening to be an extension of the classroom, with the lessons learned as important as those coming out of a textbook. Perhaps the most important lesson is good sportsmanship--a course that will serve everyone well in the game of life.

Remember — “Give Me 5” WELCOMES — PRIOR TO PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS

Good (afternoon/evening). _____ School would like to welcome you to today’s game. Educational athletics teach lifetime values, but it all goes for naught if spectators, particularly parents and young adults, don’t participate in the learning process. These players are winners because they know that “sportsmanship begins at home.”

Good (afternoon/evening). _____ School would like to welcome you to today’s game. High School sports are a privilege to play and a privilege to watch; A privilege that depends on responsible conduct in school hallways, classrooms, and playing fields; A privilege that depends on good sportsmanship. These athletes are winners because they understand their responsibilities on and off the playing surface.

Good (afternoon/evening). _____ School would like to welcome you to today’s game. The educational value of this event is more important than its outcome. Respect for others, including opponents and officials, is one of those values. There are no excuses for taunting and trash talk. Remember, “Give Me 5.”

Good (afternoon/evening). _____ School would like to welcome you to today’s game. A recent survey revealed that the number one reason youngsters take part in high school sports is to have fun--not to be number one. “Give Me 5”

AFTER LINE-UPS ARE INTRODUCED — INTRODUCE OFFICIALS

Your officials for today’s game are _____ and _____. These officials are registered by the Washington Officials Association and like the coaches, are hired by **(name of your school)** to help the athletes learn on the playing field. These individuals have worked hard to learn the rules and apply them fairly. We request you respect their honest efforts in administering this contest.

Your officials for today’s game are _____ and _____. These officials are registered by the Washington Officials Association. Their experience and integrity qualify them to administer the rules of the game. An attitude of good sportsmanship should be upheld by all spectators, players and coaches no matter what their personal feelings or loyalties may be in this contest.

NATIONAL ANTHEM INTRODUCTION

At this time we ask that you stand, and gentlemen — please remove your caps as we pay honor to America with the singing of our national anthem.

TO BE READ DURING BREAKS IN THE ACTION

Some people believe in convenience sportsmanship--in other words, to be a good sport only when it's to their advantage. Sportsmanship isn't something you choose to do at certain times; it's something that requires constant effort. _____ School reminds you that these athletes are winners because they understand sportsmanship in educational athletics is a full-time job.

High school sports allow young student-athletes to grow and mature as individuals. Nothing stunts that process more than taunting and trash talk. Such immature displays have no place in sports or society. _____ School reminds you that these athletes are winners because they support the campaign to eliminate taunting from school sports.

Finishing first does not always mean you won. In fact, an attitude where you feel you have to win at all costs and show disrespect for your opponent, officials and the rules of the game in the process, makes you a loser. _____ School reminds you that there are no excuses for poor sportsmanship.

High school sports are different from other levels of athletics because they promote lifelong values--including respect for others. _____ School reminds you that these athletes are winners because they believe that Trash Talk is TRASH! Support the campaign to eliminate taunting from school sports.

So much has been made lately of athletes and coaches being role models for fans, but in the end, who's a role model for whom? Before you verbally abuse a player, coach, or referee at an athletic event--THINK! Maybe it's time for the spectators to become role models for the participants. _____ School reminds you to "Give Me 5."

Your ticket to an educational athletic event is a privilege--a privilege to watch youngsters learn on the playing surface. One of the lessons taught today is one spectators can benefit from as well--the value of good sportsmanship. This is a classroom where respect should be accorded to all in attendance. _____ School reminds you to "Give Me 5."

Coaches should set a good example for contestants and fans, always exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior. Participants should treat opponents with respect and shake hands prior to and after contests. Fans should be fans—not fanatics. Sportsmanship—it is vital to the success of the further existence of educational athletic programs. _____
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