

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS FOR ANNOUNCERS

THE PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER is expected to:

- A. Be impartial. Announce the contest with no show of favoritism.
- B. Use proper language at all times.
- C. Be enthusiastic but calm.
- D. Not "talk over the crowd."
- E. Not anticipate or second guess calls by the officials or criticize official's decisions, directly or indirectly.
- F. Be aware of the entire venue so that calm directions can be given in an emergency.

Serious situations can be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the playing surface, throwing things, and the like.
- G. Permit no one to use the microphone (especially coaches during the game), except those in charge of the event and/or by design of those in charge of the event.
- H. Be responsible for whatever is said over the p.a. system.
- I. Announce convenient routes for spectators to leave the venue and caution the crowd to drive safely on its way home.
- J. Be aware that good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities; reading a sportsmanship statement prior to the beginning of an event, and at key times during breaks in the action contributes to a positive, educational atmosphere.