



PUBLIC ADDRESS PROTOCOL

The public address announcer shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a “cheerleader” for any team. The announcer will follow MIAA script for promotional announcements (which are available from this association), player introductions and award ceremonies. Other announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g. paging a doctor, lost child for parent, etc.)
- Those of a “practical” nature (e.g. announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on)
- Starting lineups or entire lineups of both participating teams. What is announced for the home team must be announced for the visiting team.
- Message provided by a host school management
- Announcements that MIAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs, and concessions are on sale in the facility.
- During the contest the announcer:
 - Must not call the “play-by-play” or provide “color commentary” as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast
 - Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
 - Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsporting conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.