

## **Best Practices**

### **Basketball Public Address Announcers**

*(Adapted from NASPAA/MHSAA Clinic – 1/6/18)*

#### **Player Introductions**

- Follow the MHSAA script which alternates teams with each player introduced
- Position, height, grade, jersey number, then player's name.
- "At forward, a 5-10 junior, number 34, Bradley Charles."
- Give first and last names only - never nicknames.

#### **The only live ball announcement allowed is for baskets scored**

- When announcing a basket your goal is to finish before the ball gets back to near free throw line. – "Basket by 33 – Jane Smith."
- If basket is a three-point goal, add that fact, but with same inflection – "Three point basket for 33 – Jane Smith."
- No assists.

#### **Fouls & Free Throws**

- Never announce who the foul is on until the official informs the scorekeeper.
- Announce who the foul is on by name, jersey number and name of team or mascot.
- Always mention the of personal fouls and the number of team fouls until double bonus is reached.
- Indicate if the shooter is to receive two free throws, one and one, or one.
- CEASE once shooter is handed the ball.

#### **Technical Fouls**

- Player Technical Fouls: Announce: "Technical Foul, (Team Name) #10, Joe Smith, his \_\_\_\_\_ foul, team \_\_\_\_\_" (if not in double bonus).
- Coach Technical Fouls: "Technical foul, (Team Name) bench, the team's \_\_\_\_\_ foul."

#### **Time Outs**

- Wait for the signal from the official for the length of the time out called.
- "Time Out – (Nickname or School Name) – This is a 30-second time out."
- "Time Out – (Nickname or School Name) – This is a full time out."
- "Official's Time Out."
- At end of quarter – "The end of the First Quarter." (Except at end of game – give final score)

#### **Points of Emphasis**

- Do not talk over live play except to finish announcing who made the basket.
- Do not announce violations, change of possession on out-of-bounds, time remaining.
- Never talk when the free throw shooter has their hands on the ball.

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