



## CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

### NORTHERN SECTION

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#### ANNOUNCERS, SCOREKEEPERS, TIMERS, ETC.

Individuals in the official capacity of announcer, scorekeeper, timer, etc., should be reminded that they are an extension of the contest officials and need to be professional and not show bias in expression or comment regarding play, teams, coaches or officials. If schools find it necessary to use inexperienced people at the officials' table, it becomes imperative that the school provide advance training before individuals assume responsibilities at the contest. Schools should also provide written copies of instructions for the areas of responsibility and post them on the official scorers' table for reference.

The ANNOUNCER is the key communicator and can have great impact on crowd control and, therefore, should create a positive atmosphere for good sportsmanship. Announcers should not choose sides; they should merely give information with regard to participant numbers and report the decisions of the officials.

A good announcer **WILL NOT**:

- Mispronounce participant names
- Predict performers
- Out-guess or criticize officials decisions
- Appear to be alarmed over a participant's injury
- Comment on a performance before it is completed or try to give the details of a performance
- Second-guess a participant or coach
- Speak over P.A. system while a team is calling signals or when play is in progress

**REMEMBER: Announcers are not radio play-by-play or color commentators.**

Announcers enhance an atmosphere for good sportsmanship and crowd control by:

- Identifying spectator seating and location of restrooms and exits
- Welcoming visiting team and spectators as well as home team and spectators (See samples)
- Explaining rulings regarding cleared aisles
- Reviewing rules regarding appropriate times when school bands can play (time-outs, between quarters, and halftimes)
- Remind spectators to stay off the playing areas
- Being alert to situations that reflect unsportsmanlike conduct such as cheers using profanity, throwing debris on the playing surface and making appropriate announcements to curtail such behavior
- Being aware of emergency procedures