



SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be used during University Interscholastic League Activities

Spot announcements may be used prior, during and following games.

- We are pleased to welcome you today to (SCHOOL NAME). Good sportsmanship is one of the primary purposes of educational athletics. Our student-athletes recognize that judgment calls – by officials, coaches 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.
- Sportsmanship is a vital part of athletics. The University Interscholastic League and its member schools are dedicated to promoting sportsmanship around the state. During the contest, if you see someone using poor behavior please notify facility personnel. (SCHOOL NAME) believes sportsmanship is of utmost importance and wants you to enjoy the contest in a fun and healthy environment. Thank you for your cooperation.
- The University Interscholastic League is made up of more than 7,000 elementary, junior high and high schools that have voluntary membership. More than one million students participate in the extracurricular programs sponsored, administered and directed by the UIL.
- Athletics is not the only area of competition sponsored by the University Interscholastic League. The UIL sponsors more than 70 events in the areas of Music, Academics and Athletics.
- The largest University Interscholastic League-sponsored activity in terms of student participation is Music. Approximately 320,000 students from 2,500 junior and senior high schools participate in UIL-sponsored Music activities.
- The University Interscholastic League, which is sponsoring this event, is a voluntary educational association through which more than 1,300 high schools of Texas work cooperatively. The schools themselves adopt the standards and regulations of this event.
- Athletic officials are seldom given the appreciation they deserve. They are given the responsibility and authority to enforce the Rules of the Game. The schools involved select officials and both schools must agree to accept the officials prior to the start of the game.
- Opponents are guests and should be treated accordingly by providing the best accommodations and tolerance at all times. Showing respect for

opponents is not only appropriate, but will positively reflect on your school, team and community.

- Coaches and directors of school activities are among the best-trained leaders for students. They are teachers with special abilities and training for this responsibility. Their efforts contribute to the complete education of students.
- Interscholastic activities provide educational experiences for students. With a well-run school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation in activities conducted under established rules that are equally administered.
- Let us remember that this contest is for the recreational and educational benefits of high school students. One team will win and the other will lose, but the experiences should be beneficial to all.
- An interscholastic athletic program, which is properly planned and administered, is an asset to a community. It provides educational values and wholesome activities for all high school students as either participants or spectators.
- Athletic contests provide players and others an opportunity to acquire knowledge and to learn emotional control. Our schools educate students not only in athletics, but through school athletics as well.
- An athlete is taught respect for teammates, coaches, officials and opponents. Through developing self-discipline, this can be done whether the game is won or lost. This is one of the most important lessons, which helps make a more mature citizen.
- Student-athletes represent their teams, fellow students, teachers and their school community. Athletes are expected to be individuals who will make a good impression for their schools.
- Taking responsibility is one of the essential qualities of good sportsmanship. It is always very important that you conduct yourself with pride and take responsibility for yourself and your school.
- A person's ethics can be seen by the way they react when faced with situations that call their integrity and judgment into account. Displaying a high level of ethical behavior is essential when participating in UIL athletics. Whether you are a player, coach, fan, official or administrator it is your responsibility to always conduct yourself in an ethical manner that will help promote the goals of educational athletics.

- (SCHOOL NAME) would like to thank you for attending tonight's contest and wish you a safe trip home. Remember that sportsmanship is always important and should be practiced before, during and after the game. Our students are very important, and with your help we can all teach them the lesson of proper sportsmanship.
- As you leave the facility, please remember that all participants involved in tonight's contest gave their very best effort. Please help show your support of these fine student-athletes by acting in a sportsmanlike manner.