



2020-2021 PRE-GAME GUIDELINES FOR ANNOUNCERS
To be used during University Interscholastic League Activities
(Approximate Time: 2-3 Minutes)

Good evening! Welcome to this [SPORT NAME] game between [HOME SCHOOL NAME] and [VISITING SCHOOL NAME]. This game is being conducted according to the rules and regulations of the University Interscholastic League.

This facility is also following COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines as recommended by the UIL and State Authorities.

We ask that as a spectator, you help slow the spread of COVID-19 by:

1. Wearing a face covering at all times unless consuming food or drink;
2. Maintaining at least six feet of distancing at all times from other groups and individuals outside your household;
3. Washing or sanitizing your hands often and avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

We also ask that you consider the time and effort each of these teams, coaches, and athletes have put forth.

Regardless of the outcome of tonight's game, all of the players have proven their willingness to work and sacrifice in order to achieve athletic excellence.

Cheer these young athletes, applaud them, but do not, through any of your actions, cause them to doubt the value of athletics.

By your conduct, allow these young people to feel pride in their communities and school.

While your sportsmanlike actions may play only a small part in the outcome of this game, it will play a greater role in continuing to encourage competitive athletics.

We also ask that you show your appreciation for the students who will be taking part indirectly in tonight's game--the cheerleaders, the bands, the pep squad, and the students who have supported their teams at home and away. These young people play an integral part in their team's success.

The officials for this game have been mutually agreed upon by school officials for both schools.

Their role is not unlike those of players, coaches, teachers, and school administrators. Without them this game would not be possible. Their knowledge and application of the rules are a result of annual testing, years of study, and continual participation in clinics that further refine their understanding of the game.

We ask you, as students, parents, and citizens, to demonstrate the kind of respect for these officials you would extend to any dedicated person in a position of responsibility.

This means that you as a fan:

1. Should not criticize the players on either team,
2. Should not boo the officials,
3. Should not have alcoholic beverages on public school grounds since it is a violation of state law,
4. Should be courteous to the visiting fans,
5. Should cheer for your team, and
6. Should show respect for injured players on both teams.