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NFHS Learning Center Launches Course for Public Address Announcers

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 13, 2020) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has announced its newest addition to the online NFHS Learning Center platform – a free course on the role of public address (P.A.) announcers at high school sporting events entitled “P.A. Announcing.”

“P.A. Announcing” conveys proper practices for public address announcers and expectations of school administration. It also addresses appropriate behavior of the announcer before and during competition and the specific times during an event when an announcer should be active. The course also covers topics such as the importance of class, professionalism and respect, and features multiple audio examples of suitable and unacceptable announcing techniques.

“This course will be a wonderful resource for P.A. announcers,” said NFHS Director of Educational Services Dan Schuster. “P.A. announcers are the voices of our events, and it is important that they have access to professional development like our coaches, administrators, parents, students and officials.”

The course was developed through a partnership with the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA), an organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism, competency and consistency of public address announcers and a recognized resource for best practices.

"It goes without saying how much the NASPAA appreciates the opportunity to partner with the NFHS on a course for individuals who are new to P.A. announcing," commented Brad Rumble, NASPAA executive director and former NFHS administrator. "Being a P.A. announcer is more than just talking into a microphone. There are expectations for P.A. announcers that include being professional, competent and promoting good sportsmanship and a positive environment, just to mention a few that are covered in the course. We could not be more excited about the course and what it will do for P.A. announcing."

For more information and to order the "P.A. Announcing" course, please visit:

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/p-a-announcing>.

To learn more about the NASPAA, visit: www.naspaa.net.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,500 high schools and 12 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.9 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org.

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