

WIAA SECTIONAL FINAL SOFTBALL - PUBLIC ADDRESS SAMPLE SCRIPT

Note to Announcer:

- You direct all official pre-game activity. Take note of published game time and work directly with the game manager to start the warm-ups and the game accordingly.
- Be sure to check with the umpires to verify who the Home and Visiting teams will be.
- The WIAA expects that host schools, even though their school may be involved, will provide a neutral environment. As the PA announcer, you are expected to provide this as well.

1. Pregame Schedule – required for all regular season and post-season games:

35:00 prior to the start of game – Announce “_____ (Home team) please take the field for your warm-ups”

20:00 prior to the start of game – Announce “_____ (Visiting team) please take the field for your warm-ups.”

5:00 prior to the start of game – Announce “Coaches & Captains please proceed to Home plate for the Pre-Game meeting.” Coaches, captains, and umpires meet a home plate to exchange handshakes and line-up cards.

- Immediately following the meeting, announce “Teams please line-up along the baseline in front of your dugout.”
- Once teams are lined up: “At this time, I ask that those who are able to please stand and remove your hats and join us for the singing of our National Anthem, sung by _____ (Student name) from _____ (School).”
- Immediately following the National Anthem, announce “On behalf of the WIAA and _____ (Host School Name), we would like to welcome you to today’s 2019 WIAA Division ____ (number) Sectional Championship featuring the “_____ (Mascot) from _____ (Visiting Team School) and the _____ (Mascot) from _____ (Home Team School).”
- “And now, let me introduce you to today’s Visiting team, the _____ (Mascot) from _____ (School Name).” Introduce all players by first and last name as listed on team roster. “The _____ (Mascot) are coached by _____ (Head Coach Name) and assisted by _____ (Assistant Coach(es) Name(s)).”
- Repeat above for HOME team. And then, “Congratulations to both teams for qualifying for this game in the 2019 Sectional Final.”
- “Today’s Sectional Championship Umpires are _____ (Umpires First and Last Names).”
- Read WIAA Sportsmanship Statement. “_____ (Host School), and the WIAA require good sportsmanship at education-based sporting events. Attendance at interscholastic activities is a privilege with the expectation to exhibit positive and respectful behavior. For the enjoyment and respect of all in attendance, your cooperation in demonstrating the high ideals of sportsmanship is expected and greatly appreciated.”

0 :00 – “Let’s Play ball”

2. Immediately following the conclusion of the game, announce “We will begin the awards ceremony as soon as both teams are lined up and prepared. I would ask that you remain in your seats for the awards ceremony.”

- Introduce the Runners-Up first: “Let’s congratulate the _____ (School name and Mascot) on their outstanding season. As your name is called please step forward to receive your Sectional Runner-Up medal.
- Introduce the Champions next: “Let’s congratulate the _____ (School name and Mascot) on the Sectional Championship and a trip to the WIAA State Tournament! As your name is called please step forward to receive your Sectional Championship medal.

- Immediately following the medal presentation, “ _____ (Coach Name) please step forward to receive your Sectional Championship plaque.”
- “Please join me as we wish the _____ (School Mascot) the best of luck at the WIAA State Tournament. They will play on _____ (DAY) at _____ (TIME) vs. _____ (Opponent)”
- If the winning school has provided you with any ticket sales or other State Tournament information, announce that here.
- “Thank you for coming today and please drive home safely.”

Miscellaneous/Frequently Asked Questions:

- Walk up music is allowed for the WIAA Tournament series. If one team uses it, it must be offered to the other team as well. They may choose to use it, or may prefer not to use it, but it must be offered equally to both teams.
- This is a very memorable experience for the teams and fans. Please be enthusiastic and use the PA to give this the “big game” feel.
- Announcements during breaks are allowed. This is a great time to promote the concession stand, apparel sales, etc. However, lotteries, drawings or raffles, such as a 50/50, are prohibited at WIAA Tournament events.