MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE 1:

THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REMINDS US THAT THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THIS EVENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS OUTCOME. RESPECT FOR OTHERS, INCLUDING OPPONENTS AND OFFICIALS, IS ONE OF THOSE VALUES. SUPPORT TODAY'S TEAMS WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE!

MESSAGE 2:

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE HAS SPONSORED ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE MORE THAN 500 MEMBER SCHOOLS, 300,000 STUDENTS, 23,000 COACHES, AND 9,000 CONTEST OFFICIALS AND JUDGES. THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE: HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM SINCE 1916.

MESSAGE 3:

FALLING AND GETTING UP IS ONE OF MANY LESSONS STUDENTS LEARN WHEN THEY PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. IT TAKES COURAGE TO SHOW UP AND PERFORM KNOWING THAT MISTAKES WILL OCCUR—A MISSED SHOT, A BAD PASS— MISTAKES ARE PART OF THE GAME—TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE IS A VALUABLE LESSON IN PICKING THEMSELVES UP AND STARTING OVER AGAIN. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 4:

IN OUR SOCIETY, WINNING HAS COME TO MEAN EVERYTHING. IF WINNING COMES AT THE EXPENSE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, EVERYONE LOSES. NOTHING IS GAINED IN THE LONG RUN. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE RESULT OF A DISCIPLINED EFFORT TO RESPECT YOURSELF, YOUR OPPONENTS AND CONTEST OFFICIALS. REMEMBER, GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS NO MATTER THE SCORE. THIS REMINDER IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 5:

WHEN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1916, THE ORGANIZERS ENVISIONED A STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION-BASED INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES WITH UNIFORM RULES THAT ARE FAIR AND EQUITABLE FOR THOSE INVOLVED. THAT VISION BECAME A REALITY AND HAS REMAINED SO FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS WITH THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE MORE THAN 500 MEMBER SCHOOLS THAT THE LEAGUE SERVES AND THE MORE THAN 300,000 STUDENTS WHO ANNUALLY PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC AND FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES.

MESSAGE 6:

THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE IS REGISTERING OFFICIALS IN ALL SPORTS, AT EVERY LEVEL OF COMPETITION. GO TO M-S-H-S-L DOT ORG TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME A HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIAL. THE TEAMS ARE COUNTING ON YOU.

MESSAGE 7:

THE MORE THAN 500 MEMBER SCHOOLS OF MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE WISH TO EXTEND THEIR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE MORE THAN 9,000 CONTEST OFFICIALS AND JUDGES FOR ALL THEY DO TO ENSURE THAT GAMES ARE FAIR, SAFE AND FUN. WITHOUT THEM, IT IS JUST RECESS.

MESSAGE 8:

WHEN YOU HAVE GREAT TEAMS AND GREAT FANS, A GREAT GAME IS PRACTICALLY A GIVEN. SO, ROOT FOR YOUR TEAM AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF TODAY'S GAME. THIS REMINDER BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 9:

FANS, DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TEND TO HAVE HIGHER GRADE-POINT AVERAGES AND BETER ATTENDANCE RECORDS THAN OTHER STUDENTS? IT'S A FACT, HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BRING OUT THE BEST. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 10:

FANS, DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TEND TO HAVE LOWER DROP-OUT RATES AND FEWER DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS THAN OTHER STUDENTS? IT'S A FACT, HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE A GUARANTEED RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT YOU TO BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 11:

FANS, DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND GO TO COLLEGE? IT'S A FACT, HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE A GUARANTEED RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 12:

FANS, DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC AND FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTEND COLLEGE? IT'S A FACT, HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE A GUARANTEED RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT. THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MESSAGE 13:

FANS, JOIN TODAY'S FUN BY BECOMING AN OFFICIAL. OFFICIALS ARE NEEDED IN ALL ACTIVITIES AND AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. SO, GO AHEAD --- MAKE THE CALL. CONTACT THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME AN OFFICIAL.

MESSAGE 14:

GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS, NO MATTER WHAT THE SCORE. AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. YOU KEEP THE STANDARDS HIGH AND THE GAME ENJOYABLE FOR ALL BY SHOWING RESPECT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS. RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY IS **WHY WE PLAY**.

MESSAGE 15:

CELEBRATING A CHAMPIONSHIP WITH CLASSMATES, TEAMMATES AND THE COMMUNITY . . . IS A MEMORY THAT LASTS A LIFETIME. SO, ROOT FOR YOUR TEAM WITH GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF TODAY'S GAME.

MESSAGE 16:

THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE . . . HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM.