

IHSA Hate Speech & Harassment Public Service Announcement (to be read prior to the start of each contest and may be repeated during the contest at the host school's discretion)

To help ensure the safest and most comfortable atmosphere, this contest is being conducted under the policies and procedures of the IHSA. Because of this, it is important that ALL participants, athletes, coaches, officials, and fans be reminded that Hate Speech and Harassment have NO PLACE in high school athletics. Please be advised that should this behavior take place during this contest; our officials and coaches have been instructed to demonstrate that addressing hate speech or harassment is of critical importance and is MORE important than the contest itself. Athletes' welfare will always have priority over convenience; therefore, if YOU are requested to cooperate with event personnel in any manner, please do so promptly. Please be aware that time MAY be allowed for emotions to cool down for the benefit of our athletes. Your assistance will enable event staff to fulfill its responsibilities efficiently.

