

Tournament Announcer 101

People can be intimidated to Announce, but if you are prepared, it is a fun way to be a part of the game and enhance the enjoyment for the players and fans.

- Your one and only job as a Public Address Announcer is to inform the crowd. That means speak LOUDLY and CLEARLY so the audience can hear and understand what you are saying. Test the microphone volume level before the game.

Tournament Games:

1. Make sure you have paper and something to write with. You will need to make notes of scoring, penalties, and saves.
2. Get your own copy of the rosters of both teams. There should be roster sheets for all teams, if not, you will have to write your own from the team stickers.
3. Talk to the coaches of both teams to get name pronunciations and any number changes or additions. Get starting lineups at this time as well.
 - a. **TAKE THE TIME TO GET THE NAMES RIGHT**. Announcing is for the kids and saying their names correctly is important.
4. The first game of the tournament for each team, you will announce the FULL roster. Do not let the officials try to cut that out if games are running behind. This may be the only time during the tournament that a player hears his/her name announced, it is important.
5. After each team has played their first game, you will announce starting lineups only.
6. Announcements:
 - a. Before each tournament game. "Welcome to the Moorhead Youth Arena and the *[name of the tournament]* featuring the *[visiting team]*, and the *[home team]*." Insert game titles such as 3rd place game or championship game, etc. as needed.
 - i. "We will now announce the rosters for both teams." Substitute rosters with starting lineups as needed.
 - ii. "First for the visiting team on the scoreboard, the *[visiting team]*. Number *[x]* *[name of player]*, number *[x]* *[name of player]*..." Proceed clearly, but quickly, through the entire roster.
 - iii. "The *[visiting team]* are coached by *[head coach]* *[assistant coaches]*." If announcing starting lineups only, do not announce coaches.
 - iv. "And now for the home team on the scoreboard, the *[home team]*. Number *[x]* *[name of player]*, number *[x]* *[name of player]*..." Proceed clearly, but quickly, through the entire roster.
 - v. "The *[home team]* are coached by *[head coach]* *[assistant coaches]*." If announcing starting lineups only, do not announce coaches.
 - vi. IF THE FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME OF THE DAY or the Championship Game: "Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we ask that you please rise, face the flag, and remove your hats, for the playing of both national anthems." If there are no Canadian teams in the tournament, or in the Championship you can play only the Star Spangled Banner.
 - vii. After the full rosters or after the national anthems: "Let's Play Hockey!"
 - b. Scoring: "Scoring for *[team]*, number *[#]*, *[name of player]*, assisted by number *[#]*, *[name of player]*, and number *[#]*, *[name of player]*. Time of the goal *[xx:xx]* of the *[#]* period."
 - c. Penalties: "Minor penalty has been assessed to *[team]* number *[#]*, *[name of player]*, two minutes, for *[penalty name]*. Time of the penalty *[xx:xx]*." Of course make adjustments if it is a major penalty, etc.
 - d. At the end of a penalty: "*[Team]* full strength." Adjust if team is still one player short.
 - e. One minute announcement for each period: "One minute remaining in the period."
 - f. After each period: "Goalie saves in the *[#]* period. For *[visiting team]*, number *[x]*, *[player name]*, *[number of saves]*. And for *[home team]*, number *[x]*, *[player name]*, *[number of saves]*." After the 2nd and 3rd periods add the goalies save totals..."*[number of saves]* for a 2 period total of *[number of saves]*" and "*[number of saves]* for a game total of *[number of saves]*"
 - g. Timeouts: "Timeout *[team]*."
7. It is ok to add some excitement and flare to your announcing as long as it is in good taste. For example, if either team is leading by 4 or more goals, do not make excited scoring announcements. If Moorhead is not playing, make sure to announce for both teams with equal excitement.

Award Presentations:

1. Consolation Championship: “Congratulations to both the *[losing team]* and the *[winning team]* for a well-played tournament. Would the captains of the *[winning team]* come forward to receive your consolation championship trophy.” Pause “Congratulations *[winning team]* the *[year]* *[tournament name]* Consolation Champions!”
2. 3rd Place Game: “Congratulations to both the *[losing team]* and the *[winning team]* for a well-played tournament. It is time for the awards presentation, when your name is called, each player from *[winning team]* please come forward to receive your 3rd place medal. Number *[x]* *[player name]*, number *[x]* *[player name]*...” Continue quickly, but not to cause a traffic jam, through the entire roster. “And now would the captains of the *[winning team]* come forward to receive your 3rd place trophy.” Pause “Congratulations *[winning team]* the *[year]* *[tournament name]* 3rd place team!”
3. Championship Game: “Congratulations to both the *[losing team]* and the *[winning team]* for a well-played tournament. It is time for the awards presentation, when your name is called, each player from *[losing team]* please come forward to receive your runner-up medal. Number *[x]* *[player name]*, number *[x]* *[player name]*...” Continue quickly, but not to cause a traffic jam, through the entire roster. “And now would the captains of the *[losing team]* come forward to receive your runner-up trophy.” Pause “When your name is called, each player from *[winning team]* please come forward to receive your championship medal. Number *[x]* *[player name]*, number *[x]* *[player name]*...” Continue quickly, but not to cause a traffic jam, through the entire roster. “And now would the captains of the *[winning team]* come forward to receive your Championship Trophy!” “Congratulations *[winning team]* the *[year]* *[tournament name]* Champions!”