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Play-by-Play Announcing Course Launched by NFHS Learning Center

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 25, 2021) — The proliferation of online streaming of high school athletic events has put a new focus on the need for a qualified play-by-play announcer when broadcasting live games. With the release of the new, free online course “Play-by-Play Announcing,” the NFHS Learning Center provides important training to properly announce a live game.

“The NFHS Learning Center is pleased to introduce this first online course and valuable resource specifically for play-by-play announcers,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services. “We are committed to assisting members of the interscholastic community and beyond with professional development opportunities to enrich the experience of the young people we serve.”

The best play-by-play announcers use their voice as an instrument. This course instructs users how to use proper tone and inflection when delivering game action to the audience and how to determine the important and relevant information of the contest.

An entire section is devoted to starting a broadcast, including planning the open, setting the scene and introducing the game’s participants.

The course demonstrates how to professionally prepare for a game as a play-by-play announcer, before arriving at the game and just prior to broadcast. It also provides a chapter on developing team chemistry with an analyst or sideline reporter.

For more information and to access “Play-by-Play Announcing,” please visit:

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/play-by-play-announcing>.

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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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