

## Sample Public Address Announcements for “Thank a Ref” Recognition

Prior to Announcing the Starting Line-ups:

Welcome to tonight’s contest between the visitors from

\_\_\_\_\_ and your

\_\_\_\_\_, and a

special welcome to the officials for tonight’s contests as we recognize and thank them for their service.

After the starting line-ups are announced:

The officials for today’s/tonight’s game are:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Officials play an important role in every contest to keep our events fair, safe and fun. Without officials we can’t have games. A special thank you for the efforts of the officials for today’s/tonight’s contest. Let’s show them our appreciation – (pause for applause). We ask that you continue to show our appreciation throughout the game by showing great sportsmanship to the officials and our opponents.

Prior to the start of the second half:

Once again, we recognize the officials for tonight’s game/event and thank them for their service. Let’s continue to show great sportsmanship during the remainder of tonight’s game/event.