OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
GIRLS STATE FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-GAME INTRODUCTION CEREMONY

As soon as the warm-up time has concluded, the announcer will ask players to clear the field and return to the team benches. Players should immediately move to these areas and prepare for the introduction ceremony.

The announcer will make a brief welcoming statement and then will introduce the officials for the contest. During these remarks, players, coaches and other team personnel should face toward the field at or near their bench area. As soon as the officials have been introduced, the announcer will introduce the players for each team using an alternating procedure.

A player from the visiting team (team on the lower bracket) will be introduced first followed by a player from the home team, etc. The non-starters will be introduced first, then the starting 11 and finally the coaches.

As each person's name is called, please run out on the field near the center line and face that half of the field toward the goal your team will be attacking. Remain in that line until your opponent is introduced. At the end of each set of introductions, each player or coach should be facing an opponent. Please greet each other in the spirit of good sportsmanship and then move down the field in a line facing your spectators. (See Diagram)

Please remain standing on the field for the National Anthem. At the completion of the anthem, please leave the field quickly and return to your benches. The starters should then return to the field, and the game will commence.

Coaches, please be certain that your athletes understand these instructions so that this ceremony may proceed smoothly, with dignity and so that each athlete and your coaching staff members have the opportunity to be recognized publicly at this prestigious event. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

DIAGRAM

Spectators

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