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| ***Use of National Anthems in Sport Education*** |

Part of becoming a literate sport person is to become familiar with the rituals and traditions of international sport competition. Many teachers have incorporated international competition into their Sport Education seasons, using an Olympic theme, or Soccer’s World Cup structure.

In general, the only time that national anthems are played is prior to a match between two countries (the United States is a notable exception, in that the anthem is played prior to virtually every sporting event at every level of competition). The playing of national anthems prior to games can enhance the sense of festivity. But even in other cases, the “opening day” of a season can be made more special with the playing of the national anthem.

For that reason, the following website is provided where you can download anthems from virtually every country in the world. In many cases, the anthem recordings are in digital format (MP3). These files take up about one megabyte per minute, and you will need to make sure that the CD player is MP3 format compatible.

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| ***Is it legal to download MP3 (or like format) files from these websites?***  Downloading the files from the websites listed below is legal. However, once downloaded, they should be used only as part of your own program. Thus, making copies for other teachers would be a violation of copyright laws. |

***National Anthems can be downloaded from the following website:***

<http://www.national-anthems.net/> (NOTE: This web address was current and accurate up through January 19, 2019)

In addition, the iTunes Store has numerous options of national both vocal and instrumental National Anthems available for downloading. The prices range in price from $5.99 to $9.99.

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