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ESPN'S ERIN ANDREWS TO ASSUME DUTIES AS 2011 GREATER CLEVELAND SPORTS AWARDS EVENING HOST



CLEVELAND, OH – January 5, 2012 – The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission announced a change in host of the 2011 Greater Cleveland Sports Awards which is scheduled for February 2, 2012 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Erin Andrews, Sideline Reporter and *College GameDay* Anchor for ESPN will now assume the duties of emcee for colleague Scott Van Pelt who will now be at the Super Bowl.

Erin Andrews serves as anchor for ESPN's first hour of ESPN's popular *College GameDay* weekly football show and a features reporter for the full three-hour program, a role she has held since the 2010 season. In addition, she is the sideline reporter for the *Saturday Night Football* series on ABC, broadcast television's first weekly prime-time college football game and for college basketball's *Saturday Primetime* games.

Previously, Andrews was a reporter for the *ESPN College Football Saturday* telecast and Big Ten college basketball coverage. In 2005, she began reporting from the sidelines of the *ESPN College Football Thursday Primetime* series and added Major League Baseball sideline reporting to her responsibilities as well as the *Monday Night Baseball* telecast.

Andrews was a reporter on ESPN's College World Series telecasts, the Little League World Series and the Great Outdoor Games. From 2008 through 2010, Andrews reported for ESPN's and ABC's live coverage of "The Scripps National Spelling Bee."

Before joining ESPN in May 2004 as a reporter for the network's NHL coverage, Andrews worked as a reporter and studio host for Turner Sports from 2002-04, covering the Atlanta Braves (studio host), college football (reporter) for TBS and the Atlanta Thrashers (studio host) and Atlanta Hawks (reporter) for Turner Sports South.

Andrews began her career with Fox Sports Florida South as a freelance reporter in 2000-01. She was also a Tampa Bay Lightning reporter for the Sunshine Network from 2001-02.

Andrews, a native of Lewiston, Maine, graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunications in 2000.

Presented by Medical Mutual and FirstMerit Bank, the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards is the biggest sports show in Northeast Ohio, honoring the best and brightest of the area's amateur and professional sports. This star-studded dinner event consistently boasts attendance levels exceeding 1,000 and features many national and local celebrity guests including Olympians as well as current and former Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers and Indians players. Award presentations include: High School Athlete of the Year, Collegiate Athlete of the Year, Amateur Athlete of the Year, Professional Athlete of the Year, 2011 Best Moment in Sports presented by Horseshoe Casino, Cleveland Clinic Courage Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominees are chosen by the local media and finalists are selected by the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards committee. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on autographed sports memorabilia and unique entertainment experiences in the silent auction.

Tables to the benefit are \$7,500 for platinum; \$5,500 for gold; \$2,500 for silver or \$250 per individual ticket. The Golden Ticket raffle, which will award one lucky sports fan two season tickets to each of the 2012 Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers and Indians home games, is also now available. Only 300 tickets will be sold with the winner to be announced live at the Sports Awards. Tickets and additional information are available online at www.Cleveland.com/sportsawards or by calling the Sports Commission at 216-621-0600. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.

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