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NFHS Ice Hockey Weekly Rule Interpretations

Welcome to week 2 of the 2025-26 NFHS Ice Hockey Weekly Rules Interpretations! Language was added this year to Rule 3-8: Electronic Devices. The rule reads: “Electronic devices shall not be used by team personnel or spectators to communicate with on-ice players or goalkeepers during play. No player or goalkeeper shall wear any audio (microphone) or video (camera) device during the game.” **PENALTY: First offense, MISCONDUCT. Returning to the game with illegal equipment, GAME MISCONDUCT.**

Situation 1: Team A’s Coach is using a tablet with the team during a timeout.

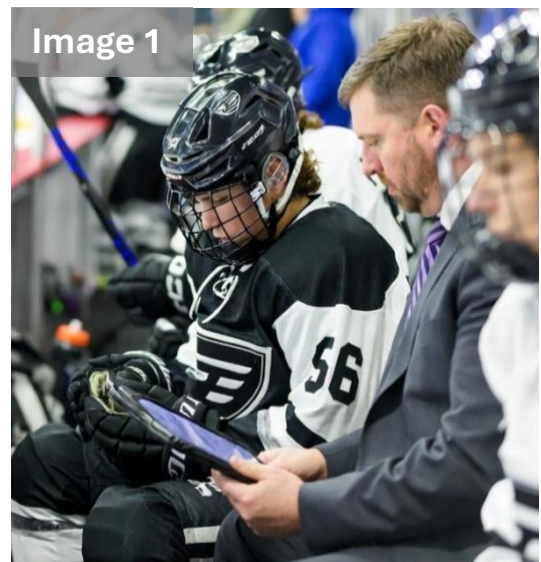
RULING: Permissible by NFHS rules.

Comment: There are no current rules in place that do not allow electronic devices on the bench or in the locker room, unless it involves communicating

Situation 2: Team B’s Assistant Coach is using a tablet with Player B1 on the bench between shifts, as indicated in “**Image 1.**”

RULING: Permissible by NFHS rules.

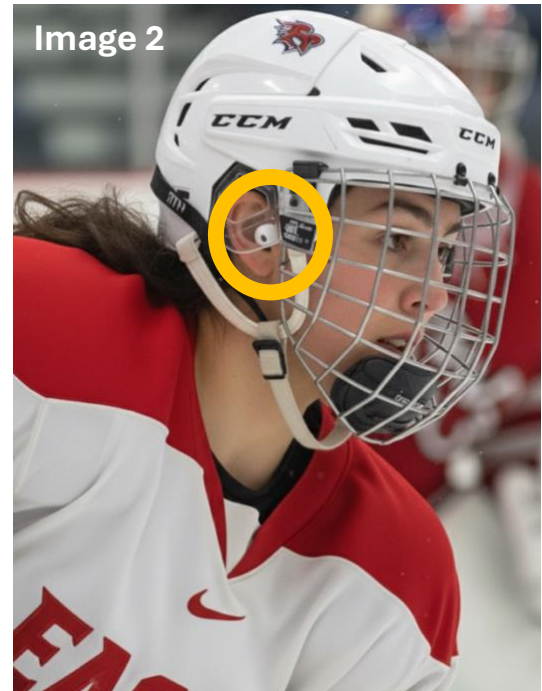
Comment: There are no current rules in place that do not allow electronic devices on the bench or in the locker room.



Situation 3: Player A1 has an earpiece in her ear and can hear instructions from a coach during play through the earpiece, as indicated in “Image 2.”

RULING: PENALTY: First offense, MISCONDUCT. Returning to the game with illegal equipment, GAME MISCONDUCT.

Comment: There shall be no communications with on-ice players during play. If anyone use an electronic device to communicate with on-ice players or goalkeeper, the penalty above shall be assessed. It should be noted that state associations may provide reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities. This possibly could come into play with a student with a hearing impairment.



Situation 4: Player B1 has a small microphone or camera attached to the jersey to capture point-of-view (POV) game sound and/or footage.

RULING: PENALTY: First offense, MISCONDUCT. Returning to the game with illegal equipment, GAME MISCONDUCT.

Comment: As the rule clearly states, no player shall wear microphones or cameras. If a player wears either or both, the penalty above shall be assessed.