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Interpretations: The use of exclusively one-way electronic communication devices that transmit pre-recorded message(s) or signals for the purpose of relaying the pitch or play call from the dugout to the field (to the pitcher or other defensive or offensive players) is permitted. The use of an in-ear communication device with direct or live audio remains restricted to the defensive position of catcher.

Rationale:
The rules committee is clarifying that digital one-way electronic communication devices, such as a wrist device or a device that transmits a pre-recorded audio message meet the intent of the current playing rule. These types of devices may transmit stored, pre-recorded messages or number codes. The restriction of the use of direct or live one-way audio communication devices to the defensive position of catcher remains in place.