



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Ice Hockey Conference Commissioners, Head Coaches and Coordinators of Officials.

FROM: Jeff Fulton
Secretary-Rules Editor, NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

SUBJECT:NCAA Ice Hockey Video on Team Bench.

During the past few weeks, multiple institutions and game officials have reached out regarding the use of video technology devices on the player's bench. In some cases, teams have used video-capable devices to review video and/or communicate with video coaches that are seated elsewhere.

This is a reminder that video recording or playback is not permitted on the players' bench during games. This video prohibition includes, but is not limited to, tablets, cell phones, or any other video-capable devices. Please ensure that all team staff and players follow this policy. Your cooperation helps maintain a fair and consistent game environment.

It is understood that some teams may use a cell phone to communicate with video coaches, etc. and that is permitted. However, the appearance of using a cell phone for video purposes may create confusion. Muting and unmuting a cell phone on the bench when used for communication with coaches should be done quickly to avoid confusion.

Finally, a reminder that the use of video and other technology is permitted outside of the player's benches (e.g., locker room, press box area, etc.) to assist teams. Communication with the bench remains permissible from other areas, but the use of video technology on the bench is prohibited.

Thank you for your attention and compliance.

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