



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

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

FROM: Bob Nielson
Chair, NCAA Football Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Update on technology in coaching booths/locker rooms and Secretary-Rules Editor.

This update is being provided on behalf of the NCAA Football Rules Committee, which met by teleconference recently. On the call, the committee made two proposals for immediate consideration by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP). The panel reviewed and approved these proposals on an October 17 conference call. These items are below.

- 1. Technology/video in coaching booths and locker rooms.** The committee received significant comment and feedback from a variety of sources regarding the permissive rule passed in February regarding video/electronic devices in coaching booths and locker rooms. Included was a suggestion from the Division I Football Oversight Committee and several conference administrators to reconsider the proposal, which was to go into effect starting with the 2017 season.

Based on this feedback, the committee voted to rescind the proposal to allow a broad discussion to take place with regard to technology and how it impacts game competition. The Division I Football Oversight Committee is establishing a competition committee to assist in the rules process and the rules committee believes taking this action will allow the football community time to review these issues in more depth. Based on this action, and subsequent PROP approval, the current rules regarding the use of video for coaching purposes have not changed (Rule 1-4.11.a.).

- 2. Secretary-Rules Editor.** As you may be aware, current Secretary-Rules Editor Rogers Redding's term with the committee will end this year. The committee conducted a search for Mr. Redding's replacement and has selected Steve Shaw, Southeastern and Sun Belt Conference coordinator of officials, to replace him, effective September 1, 2017. To read more about Mr. Shaw and his hiring, please click [HERE](#).

Thank you for your attention to this important information. If you have any questions, please contact NCAA liaison Ty Halpin (thalpin@ncaa.org).

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