



Interpretation of Rule 5.9.8

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Rule 5.9.8 states, “Team personnel, including players, are prohibited from wearing any device capable of transmitting information while on the field (e.g., cell phone, smart watch, etc.).”

This rule was not intended to prohibit the wearing of devices necessary due to a medical condition. Therefore, this interpretation is being issued:

Monitoring devices (e.g., glucose and heart monitors) required to be worn due to a medical condition are permissible on the field. However, the device and information obtained from it can only be used for medical reasons and not for coaching purposes. The device should be attached in a way that will not interfere with play and, if possible, padded to protect not only the wearer but also her opponents. Medical documentation requiring the need to wear the device should be available to the game umpires and the opposing coach before each game.