



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

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Cameras in the Team Area

Cameras are not allowed in the team area. This is specified in Rule 1-4-11-c on FR-25. This rule is intended to prohibit any and all cameras of any type and for any purpose from being in the team area. There may be no exceptions.

Cameras on the Field

Cameras are not allowed on the field. This is specified in Rule 1-4-11-c on FR-25. This rule is intended to prohibit any and all cameras of any type and for any purpose from being on the field. An exception to the rule allows cameras **above** the field that are attached to cables over the team area, the field of play, and the end zones.

Microphones on Coaches

Microphones for media transmission purposes are not allowed on coaches during the game. This is specified in Rule 1-4-11-d on FR-26.

Microphones on Officials

A microphone is required on the Referee for making all game announcements. Microphones on other officials are prohibited. These requirements are specified in Rule 1-4-13 on FR-26.

Signal Devices on Players

Players may not be equipped with any electronic, mechanical or other signal devices for the purpose of communicating with any source. This is specified in Rule 1-4-10 on FR-25. An exception allows medically prescribed hearing devices for hearing impaired players.

Rogers Redding
Secretary-Rules Editor
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NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S MID-SEASON COMMENTS

As we begin the second half of the 2011 season, I want to make some observations about the year so far that can be helpful as we move forward. In general we are having a fine season and very seldom if at all has the officiating been the “story of the game.” The areas of greatest scrutiny—unsportsmanlike conduct and targeting—we are handling quite well.

Here are some issues that need our attention:

- **SIDELINE CONTROL**
 - Be more assertive about keeping the sidelines clean and working with the coaches to keep them off the field. Game Video Review 2 shows examples of coaches being on the field illegally. We need to walk them back to the sideline the first time, but if they persist in this activity then we need to throw the flag.

- **GAME MANAGEMENT**
 - Penalty efficiency—This should be improved; also better announcements by the Referee.
 - Discussions among officials—Minimize these as much as possible. Discussions should be very brief and to the point. Lengthy conversations can indicate confusion.
 - Declaring the end of the game—Be certain that the scoreboard shows the correct score when the Referee declares the game over.

- **REFEREES: INSTANT REPLAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

By rule the announcement is:

“The ruling on the field is(description). The play is under further review.”

- **PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT**
 - By rule each player must wear a four- or six-point chinstrap and all points **must be snapped**. We must be more assertive about this.

- **PLAYER SAFETY**
 - Some conferences are reporting an uptick in the number of targeting fouls include shots to the head. We must continue to be diligent in enforcing these rules.

Finally, I want to say how much I appreciate everyone's hard work. This is a difficult business and one that we all love so much. As I get around the country to observe games I am very proud of the dedication and enthusiasm that I see in college football officials everywhere. Thanks for all you do!

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