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MICROPHONES ON COACHES DURING GAMES

Occasionally a coordinator or a conference office will receive a request for a coach to be allowed to wear a microphone during the game, either for live media transmission or to be recorded for later use by the media. There are apparently some situations where this has occurred in the past and/or is planned for the future.

This posting is a reminder that such use of microphones by coaches is not permitted, by Rule 1-4-11-d (FR-25) which has been in place for many years. The relevant portion of this rule reads:

“Microphones attached to coaches during the game for media transmission are prohibited.”

This of course does not affect the ability of coaches to communicate via a microphone and headset with their coaching staff; this is a common occurrence that is perfectly legal by the rules.

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