

Memo

To: NSA UIC's
From: Mike Snyder
CC: NSA Directors
Date: 6/1/2026
Re: Electronic Devices

All,

The NSA definition of Electronic Devices is as follows: An electronic device is any device capable of making or transmitting still or moving photographs, video recordings, or images of any kind. Any device capable of creating, transmitting, or receiving text or data; and any device capable of receiving, transmitting or recording sound.

SP Rule 5 Section 15 states: that electronic devices of any kind are prohibited on the playing field with the exception of the dugout or behind the fences. Penalty: 1st offense – removal of the device, 2nd offense – ejection of the head coach and whomever has the device.

FP rule 5 Section 11 states: A one-way communication device (transmitter) may be used to relay signals/plays to the offense and defense.

- a. Approved wearable may be worn by all players
- b. Approved earpiece may be worn by the catcher
- c. When on offense, the coach (from either the dugout or coaches' box) may transmit signals
- d. When on defense, the coach (from the dugout) may transmit plays

Penalty: If the transmitter is discovered on the field, or repair/replacement is attempted on the field, or 2-way communication is discovered, the first violation is a warning to the head coach. The second violation will be an ejection of the head coach.

The new Smart Sunglasses are in direct violation of our electronic device definition, for both SP and FP. Earpieces worn by the coaches to communicate are also in direct violation of how electronic devices should be used.

In today's world of changing technology, we must be coherent of what is happening between the lines and enforce the definition and rule of use for safety and the integrity of the game.

As with the technology changes, during our convention we can address these issues.