MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Men’s and Women’s Officials, Coordinators and Conference Administrators.

FROM: Art Hyland
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SUBJECT: Instant Replay—Use of Digital Stopwatch—REVISED.

Per Rule 2-10.1 the official timer must be provided with a digital stopwatch for use by the timers and officials during the course of the game to correct timing errors. For example:

1. The game clock is stopped when it should have been running.
2. The officials believe the game clock failed to start correctly when the ball was legally touched by an inbounds player who then releases the ball for a successful try.
3. The timer fails to start the game clock correctly.
4. To determine the amount of time to put back on the shot clock when the shot clock operator mistakenly resets the shot clock.

These are examples only and do not exhaust the possibilities for other uses of the digital stopwatch.

Due to a recent technological issue which arose during an instant replay review, the men’s and women’s rules committees are issuing this interpretation for the use of the stopwatch in future games. When it is necessary to correct a timing mistake by the use of a stopwatch, only the digital stopwatch provided to the timer per Rule 2-10.1 may be used by the officials. The use of any other clock or timing device (including those that may be seen on instant replay equipment) to correct a timing mistake is not authorized. Further, officials should ensure that the timing mistake being reviewed is in real time.

This interpretation is not intended nor does it replace or retract the ability of an official to correct other timing mistakes by using an on-screen game clock display being shown on an instant replay monitor as long as the display is synchronized with the game clock or is an actual live picture of the game clock. Rule 11-1.1.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have questions.

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