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Dear Name:

The NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees have approved the request of the Conference (CON) for a waiver of Rule 10-4.2.d (men) and Rule 10-12.4.b (women), which will permit the use of electronically transmitted data to the bench for coaching purposes. It is our understanding that you intend to accomplish this transmission using a technology partner.

Both of the committees are granting this waiver subject to the following conditions:

The CON is permitted to conduct this experimentation during 2020-21 men's and women's basketball regular season conference and non-conference home games as well as the conference tournament. For nonconference home games, the conference shall supply the same technology (in equipment and number of devices) to the visiting nonconference opponent. The home institution must inform the opposing nonconference visiting institution that the home institution's conference has received a waiver to use the experimental rule and explain the specific technology available to the visiting institution so that the visiting institution understands that the technology will be available to them.

1. All CON members must agree to participate in this rules experiment.
2. The use of up to four handheld devices such as a laptop computer, or tablet (but not cell phones) are permitted to receive live data/statistics in the bench area. For men's basketball, it does not permit the use of video in the bench area. For women's basketball, it does not permit the use of video transmission to the bench area but does permit the use of pre-loaded video per the present women's rules. The device that has the pre-loaded video may not be the same device that is receiving live data/statistics. Therefore, these devices must be clearly identified as receiving the permitted data.
3. The conference's technology partner must ensure that all devices being used in the bench area remain in single app mode during competition. All other apps and communication must be deactivated during game competition.

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4. All CON teams must have the same hardware (e.g., type and number of devices).
5. If all of the devices a team is using were to go down, leaving them with no working devices, the opposing team would also need to stop using their devices. However, if a team is using more than one device and one of them were to go down, the opposing team would not be required to stop using one of their devices.
6. The CON agrees to provide data to the men's and women's committees as deemed appropriate by those committees following the 2020-21 basketball season. Specific requirements for data collection will be sent to the conference prior to the start of the 2020-21 season. In addition, to ensure that the data provided is accurate and consistent, the CON agrees to use the same technology partner throughout the season.
7. This waiver is effective only for the 2020-21 basketball season. The committees may consider waivers for future seasons after the results of the 2020-21 season have been reviewed.

The rules committees thank you for your willingness to participate in the use of this technology and look forward to reviewing the results at the end of the season. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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