

Hello Ohio High School Baseball Coaches,

As you know, the OHSAA has received approval from the NFHS to conduct a rules experiment during the 2026 baseball season allowing one-way communication from a coach to both the catcher and pitcher. As part of this approval, the NFHS is requesting that Ohio coaches submit data following each contest to evaluate the impact of this rule in the following areas:

- Risk management
- Pace of play
- Effectiveness of wearable technology

In order for this experiment to be considered for continuation in 2027, it is essential that we collect and submit meaningful data to the NFHS.

How You Can Help

At the conclusion of each game, we are asking for a brief snapshot of how communication devices impacted the contest.

How Data Will Be Recorded

Coaches should submit their responses using the Google Form available on the OHSAA Baseball page or the OHSBCA homepage.

Data Submission Guidelines

Data should be submitted by:

- **The home team head coach if:**
 - Their team utilizes communication devices
 - Both teams utilize communication devices
 - Neither team utilizes communication devices

OR

- **The visiting team head coach if:**
 - Only the visiting team utilizes communication devices

This responsibility should be confirmed during the pre-game coaches meeting.

The OHSBCA plans to compile and share this data on a weekly basis to provide insight into how the rule is impacting games across the state.

We appreciate your willingness to assist in gathering this important information. Your participation will play a key role in determining whether the NFHS approves this rules experiment for the 2027 season.

Wishing you all a great season!

Sincerely,

The Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Board of Directors