



## MEMO 15-2026

**DATE:** Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February  
**TO:** NPL Clubs & Coaching Staff  
**FROM:** General Manager Football Operations  
**SUBJECT:** Electronic Devices in Technical Areas

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Action	Pass this memo to all coaching staff	Immediately	<a href="#">Liam Bentley</a>	1

Dear All,

I am writing to confirm Northern NSW Football and our Match Officials' position on the misuse of electronic devices in the technical in Premier Competitions.

There has been a number of instances recently where staff in the technical area have been approaching Fourth Officials with an iPad / phone to show their displeasure at a decision that has previously been made in the match.

Let me be clear – it entirely inappropriate to do this during a match and is against the Laws of the game noting that:

*“A Team official...who behaves in an inappropriate manner as a result of the use of electronic or communication equipment will be sent off”*

Our match officials will be instructed to send off any member of the technical area who approaches them with an iPad, phone or other similar device to show them any incident during the match or at half time or full time on the field of play.

Any feedback on our Match Officials should be provided through the proper channels of the formal feedback form.

Liam Bentley  
**General Manager Football Operations**  
**Northern NSW Football**