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TO: MHSА TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: CAMERA PHONES

The MHSA Executive Board has had discussions regarding cell phones with camera functions (still photo or video). This has become a matter of concern around the country as the phones become more prevalent in the population's hands.

With that in mind the Board makes a strong recommendation to school contacts and to tournament managers that it would be good business to restrict those phones in our student athletes' locker rooms. It is a common sense item, of course, about the problems that the camera phones could pose.

A state or two have made it a mandate that those phones be restricted. However, your Board realized that it would be a very difficult thing to secure. They also felt that it would be better if we just passed on a strong recommendation that you make your personnel aware of the possible problems and use your own judgment on the restrictions which you impose. I think it is good business to try to find a handle before the serious transmission of images has been discovered.

It is just another one of those technological changes that affect our students' lives, thus one with which we must deal.

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