



# AYSO Section 1

## Policy on Use of Electronic Communications During National Assessments

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The Section 1 referee staff is committed to supporting our referees so that all players in Section 1 are provided with well-trained and experienced referees. In order to maintain consistency at the highest levels of officiating within the section, the following policy is applicable to all upgrades to the National Referee level.

**The use of electronic communication systems, e.g., flags, radios, etc., by match officials is not permitted during assessments of Section 1 National Referee candidates.**

This decision:

1. Permits the Candidate to demonstrate the communication skills required to effectively manage the match independent of electronic communications
2. Permits the Assessor to observe the referee team's match communication skills
3. Ensures that the availability and accessibility of this type of equipment does not provide an "unfair advantage" to those that have access to such equipment

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