



Sideline Communication Information

Each school may use their own sideline communication system. However, the only location that coaches may use is the designated booth on the press box level. Last year most teams used our **Porta Phone**. Unless you have a “high end” system, we would recommend that you plan to use the system that we are providing.

The issues seem to be with interference that occurs in the stadium, and/or the distance from the booth to the sideline. Most systems run on a **2.4 frequency** which is the same as Wi-Fi, which can cause the interference issue.

To correct this problem the MSHSL has purchased a Porta Phone system for each sideline. This is a wireless system that runs at a **1.9 frequency level greatly reducing the chance of interference and can be used at distances up to one-quarter of a mile**. While we can never guarantee that any system will work perfectly, the system has been tested; we have consulted with experts; and we are confident that this will provide a workable alternative.

The system MSHSL system will have nine headsets for each team. Up to four headsets can be used by the offense and up to four by the defense. The head coach will wear a headset that will allow him to switch between offense and defense. How many headsets are used, how many are in the booth and how many are on the sideline, will be up to each school. The system is battery operated. There are two sets of batteries that last up to eight hours. Fully charged batteries will be placed in each headset prior to each game.

There will be a staff person to assist you in checking out and using the headsets, along with directing your coaches to the coach's booths. **Each school must sign off on a form when checking out the headsets and you will be responsible for any damages.** **We ask that you assign this responsibility to one of your assistant coaches.**

HUDL will **NOT** have reps on site to help you troubleshoot if issues arise.

If you have problems with your video during the game and use HUDL, we are working to secure a “hotline” phone number that you can connect with a HUDL Rep. for assistance. If both teams are using the MSHSL headsets and one team has issues, neither team will be able to use sideline communications. A team using their own communication system will not be forced to discontinue use.

NOTE: The same issue could occur when using HUDL Sideline or similar technology.