

# APPENDIX J

## NATIONAL HOSA CELL PHONE/SMART DEVICE POLICY

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Technology is changing the way we manage competitive events. Most competitors will have cell phones and will use them appropriately. It is important that event personnel understand HOSA policies related to the use of cell phones.

1. Competitors may not use **cell phones/Smart devices** during HOSA competition unless the guidelines indicate cell phones may be used as electronic notecards.
2. Competitors may use cell phones/ **Smart devices** to access electronic event guidelines used during the event orientation.
3. Competitors will be asked to place their cell phones/ **Smart devices** on the table in the off or silent position (or with the battery removed) in plain sight of the Section Leaders, during a written test, or secured with their personal belongings.
4. The cell phone/ **Smart devices** may not make any noise or vibrate during the event.
5. The competitor may not touch or use the phone or device during the event.
6. Cell phones/ **Smart devices** may be used in holding rooms and on event buses as long as the use of the cell phone does not violate event confidentiality and ethical standards.
7. Violation of any part of the cell phone/ **Smart devices** policy will result in the assessment of penalty points.
8. Judge and event personnel cell phones/ **Smart devices** should be on vibrate or airplane mode during competitive events, and may be used as a timer.

May competitors use cell phones on event buses or in holding rooms?

Is it OK for competitors to have their event guidelines on their smart phones for orientation?

If it appears that a competitor is inappropriately using a cell phone/ **Smart devices**, immediately approach the competitor and ask what they are doing with the cell phone and correct the behavior if appropriate.

If a rules violation has occurred, document the violation in consultation with the Event Manager and Lieutenant.

