

HOSA APPENDIX G

HOSA CELL PHONE and SMART/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and smart/electronic devices of any kind includes anything that can be used to record, transmit, or receive anything that may enable a competitor to gain an unfair advantage. Most competitors that have cell phones or smart/electronic devices will use them appropriately; but all competitors deserve a fair and quiet space to perform their best. That is why it is important that everyone understand HOSA policies related to the use of cell phones and smart/electronic devices.

- A. Cell phones and smart/electronic devices ARE acceptable when:
 - 1. Used as electronic notecards per event guidelines.
 - 2. Used in holding rooms or on buses to and from off-site events.
 - 3. They are in the 'off' position and placed face down on table in front of competitor, or completely out of sight/sound.
 - 4. Used as a timing device by event personnel (be sure to notify competitors and set phone in airplane mode).
 - 5. Medical devices are required (please notify event personnel).

- B. Cell phones and smart/electronic devices are NOT acceptable when:
 - 1. Making noise of any kind.
 - 2. Touched by competitor at any time during event (except as noted above).
 - 3. Use violates event confidentiality and/or HOSA ethical standards, as indicated in the General Rules and Regulations.

Competitors: Please be sure to turn OFF your cell phones or smart/electronic device, including watches, during events. They need to be placed face down on the table in front of you, or left in your belongings. *HOSA is not responsible for loss or damage to electronic devices during competition.*

Judge and event personnel: Cell phones or smart/electronic devices should be OFF during competitive events, unless being used as a timer. Please notify competitors and place device in airplane mode.

Event Personnel: If a rules violation has occurred, document the violation in consultation with the Event Manager and Lieutenant. *Violations of any part of the cell phone or smart/electronic device policy may result in the assessment of penalty points. Violations during a written test may result in the test not being scored.*