

# 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 prior to competition).
  
- 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 testing events. These **MUST** be placed face down on the table in front of you, or left in your belongings. Watches with a second hand may be allowed or required during timed or skill events, as addressed within the event guidelines. *HOSA is not responsible for loss or damage to electronic devices during competition.*

**Judge and event personnel:** Personal cell phones or smart/electronic devices should be OFF during competitive events, unless being used as a timer. If so, 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.*