HOSA APPENDIX F
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.*

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