HOSA APPENDIX F
HOSA CELL PHONE and
SMART/ ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and smart/electronic devices, of any kind, include 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 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 a table in front of a competitor, or completely out of sight/sound.
   4. Used as a timing device by event personnel (competitors should be notified this is happening and phone set in airplane mode to reduce unnecessary bells/sounds).
   5. Medical devices are required (event personnel should be notified prior to competition).

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

**Competitors:** Please be sure to turn OFF your cell phone 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 the device in airplane mode to silence unnecessary notification sounds.

**Event Personnel:** If a violation occurs, document the violation in consultation with the Event Manager and CE 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.**

**Manual Watches:** Manual watches are acceptable in all HOSA events.