

| New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club |  |
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| Title                             | Mobile (Cell) Phone Policy   |
| Policy                            | <p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>To provide consistency and guidance for Directors in their approach to members when mobile phone use arises during session times.</p> <p>This policy includes other Electronic Communication Devices and Computers</p> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Policy is publicised to club members</li> <li>• Members are reminded via pre Osession announcements that Mobile phones (and similar electronic communication devices) must be switched off during session time, i.e. until the scheduled finishing time of the session.</li> <li>• If, anywhere within the playing area, a Player's mobile phone <b>sounds</b> during session time, or if a Player <b>consults</b> a mobile phone during session time, that Player shall receive a warning for the first offence and shall be penalised 3 VPs (plus the mean number of IMPs consistent with the IMP/VP conversion scale in use for the event) for each subsequent offence in an IMP scored event and 50% of a top in a match-point-scored event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> that individual Players and Contestants are entitled to only one warning per Contestant per session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Player, for pressing professional or personal reasons, may request the Director to grant an exemption.</li> </ul> <p>If the request is granted, the Director may make whatever arrangement he/she deems to be appropriate to allow the Player to use the mobile phone. In making such an arrangement, the Director must be cognisant of the amenity of other Players.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before the commencement of each match or stanza, the Director should instruct Players to switch off their mobile phones.</li> </ul> <p>However, Players cannot rely upon such an instruction and failure of the Director to issue it in no way diminishes: (a) a Player's obligation to observe all regulations that apply to mobile phones, or (b) the penalties that apply.</p> |
| Reference                         | NZBA Tournament regulations on Mobile phones, Other Electronic Communication Devices and Computers   |
| Responsibility                    | Match and Grading Committee  |
| Date:                             | Reviewed June 2021   |