

New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club	
Title	Mobile (Cell) Phone Policy
Policy	<p>Objective</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>Procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Policy is publicised to club members • Members are reminded via pre session 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. • If, anywhere within the playing area, a Player's mobile phone sounds during session time, or if a Player consults a mobile phone during session time, that Player shall receive a warning for the first offence. If that Player subsequently offends in the playing session the Director may apply a penalty against the Player. The penalty shall consist of 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. • Note that individual Players and Contestants are entitled to only one warning per Contestant per session • Any Player, for pressing professional or personal reasons, may request the Director to grant an exemption. <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"> • Before the commencement of each match or stanza, the Convenor should instruct Players to switch off their mobile phones. <p>However, Players cannot rely upon such an instruction and failure of the Convenor 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 may be applied.</p>
Reference	NZBridge Tournament regulations on Mobile phones, Other Electronic Communication Devices and Computers
Responsibility	Match and Grading Committee
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