

Appendix J Electronic Device Policy

This policy applies to all events at NABCs. The policy for Other Events applies to events at Regional tournaments. It is strongly suggested that sponsors of Sectional tournaments adopt and apply this policy as well.

Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge, any electronic equipment or device capable of receiving or sending an electronic signal, or capable of communicating in any way, may not be operated or functioning in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play. Further restrictions and requirements apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage.

A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, as described below:

In NABC+ Events:

First offense of any kind, in a session: one full board, 12 IMPs or 20% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring

Second offense, in the same session or third offense within the event: Disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

In Other Events:

First offense, in the same session, ringing only: one-quarter board, 3 IMPs or 1 VP, at the respective form of scoring.

First offense, in the same session, answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing: one-half board, 6 IMPs or 2 VPs, at the respective form of scoring.

Second offense, in the same session: two full boards, 20 IMPs or 50% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.

Third offense, in the event: disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Sponsors of Sectional tournaments may choose to substitute a warning in lieu of the penalty for the first offense (ringing or both) or may insert a warning as the first item in the schedule of penalties.