

## **Boston Elite Chess Tournament Electronic Device Policy**

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1. While playing, players may not use cellphones or other electronic devices capable of chess analysis or communication
2. Music players that can't communicate or run chess playing programs will generally be allowed if the opponent does not object. The use of a computer, phone, or tablet to play music is prohibited, even if such device is configured to only play music
3. During play, electronic devices must be stored out of sight in a pocket, bag or case, etc. and turned off
4. Players may not leave the tournament area, or go to a different floor of the hotel, during play without a TD's permission. The tournament area consists of the tournament room(s), skittles room(s), game review room, and adjacent bathrooms or foyers
5. Players may not possess cell phones inside the bathroom or outside of the playing hall. If a player needs to leave the playing hall for bathroom or other purposes during an active game, the player must check his/her cell phone to a TD or the designated tournament aid at the door, and claim it back when re-entering the room. The player will be subject to an inspection for the possession of a cell phone
6. A player who wishes to make a call during play should see a director and request permission to call
7. A player who anticipates possibly receiving an emergency call should notify a TD in advance
8. If a player's cellphone rings in the tournament room while games are in progress, there will be a penalty
9. The penalty for violating above rules is one of the following. The TD will determine the penalty, taking into consideration the details of the offense
  - 1) The player is forfeited
  - 2) The player loses 20 minutes or 75% of remaining time (whichever is less)
  - 3) The player loses 10 minutes or 50% of remaining time (whichever is less)
  - 4) The player receives a warning
10. Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by a TD. Refusal to cooperate with a search request warrants forfeiture of game and ejection from the tournament, with no refund
11. Electronic score sheets are permitted if approved by USCF, but they must not be powered by devices capable of communication or operating chess playing programs
12. Players should contact a TD in advance for exception requests due to special circumstances
13. TDs have discretion over interpretation of the above rules, grant exceptions, and the choice of penalties