

MOBILE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY FOR PLAYERS AND CADDIES (AND OTHERS WITH ACCESS TO DESIGNATED PRACTICE AREAS).

On Practice Days

- Players may use a mobile device (cell phone, smart watch, etc.) in designated practice areas or on the competition course for all communication purposes, data services and capturing content, if done in a courteous or silent manner that does not affect other players. Devices should be kept on silent or vibrate mode.
- Players may use other electronic devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches with health monitoring sensors and other wearables, etc.) in designated practice areas and on the competition course, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not affect the practice rounds of other players.

During Pro-Ams

- During a pro-am round players are prohibited from using a mobile device for voice calls on the competition course. If a player needs to communicate by text or email outside the pro-am group, he must be brief and use good judgment with respect to his pro-am partners.
- In designated practice areas and on the competition course players may use a mobile device for other data services and capturing content, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not distract or affect the pace of other pro-am players.
- In designated practice areas and on the competition course players may use other electronic devices, as defined above, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not distract or affect the pace of other pro-am players.

During Official Competition

- During a competition round players are prohibited from using a mobile device for all communication purposes (voice calls, text, email, etc.), data services, or for capturing content.
- In designated practice areas, before or after a competition round, players may use a mobile device for communication purposes, data services and for capturing content if done in a courteous or silent manner that does not affect other players.
- In designated practice areas, before or after a competition round, players may use other electronic devices, as defined above, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not affect other players.
- Mobile and other electronic devices are permitted during competition for items allowed under the Rules of Golf, including but not limited to:
 - a) Using a clock as a stopwatch in a search or for time of day;
 - b) Using a plain compass (without an elevation feature) or using a simple calculator for yardage;
 - c) Accessing a weather forecast;
 - d) Accessing tournament scoring; and
 - e) Recording physiological information on monitors (including wearables) for use after the round.
- However, when using a mobile or electronic device during competition, players and caddies are responsible to know items NOT allowed under the Rules of Golf, including but not limited to:
 - a) Listening to music or other audio to eliminate distractions;
 - b) Measuring wind speed or elevation changes;
 - c) Helping with swing tempo, or accessing any physiological information recorded during the round;
 - d) Watching video of the competition that helps a player in choosing a club or making a stroke; and
 - e) Distance measuring (under Model Local Rule G-5).

Penalty for first breach of Rule 4.3a is the general penalty, second breach is disqualification.

NOTES:

- a) The Rules Committee may authorize other mobile device use, but only in extreme cases; and
- b) The use of mobile devices by players for capturing and distributing social media content must comply with the PGA TOUR official policy for players posting/streaming to social media on site at tournaments.