



World Bridge Federation

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Electronic Communication Devices

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Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs) include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile Phones
- Personal laptops or tablets
- Headphones or earbuds
- Wearable technologies such as smartwatches, fitness bands, or rings

Spectators may not bring ECDs into the playing area at any time.

Players who bring ECDs into the playing area must place them in the pocket on the screen provided for this purpose. The devices must remain there until the end of play at the table. They must be completely switched off, not merely turned to silent or flight mode. If a player leaves the playing area with an ECD, he may not return until the next round.

Any participant or other team supporter/spectator bringing an ECD into the playing area and not complying with the above regulations will cause their team to be fined:

- 3 VPs in a Round Robin or Swiss match
- 8 IMPs in a KO match
- 40% of a board at matchpoints or BAM.

The fine for a subsequent offence during the tournament will be:

- 8 VPs in a Round Robin or Swiss match
- 20 IMPs in a KO match
- A full board at matchpoints or BAM.

A third offence will result in the individual's expulsion from the tournament.

After any offence, the TD will search the participant's partner and teammates. If another team member also has an ECD, the matter will be referred to the Championship Committee who, at its discretion, may impose a penalty equal or greater than that listed for a subsequent offence. In the absence of any mitigating circumstances the committee may also consider a more severe sanction..

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of participants to ensure compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the same penalty as if an ECD had been discovered, and the individual concerned will be barred from the playing area for the duration of the match or until the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

Anyone entering the playing area must comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

Players and spectators must register medical devices with the TD to request an exception to this policy.



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