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## TAFE AND EDUCATORS RISING CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

*Cell phones are one of the world's greatest inventions. As convenient as they may be, they are still new to society and proper etiquette is still being established. Here are guidelines conference attendees should follow when using their cell phone:*

- Competitors must not take cell phones into competition rooms.
- **NO CELL PHONES ARE TO BE USED AT ANY TIME WHILE WORKING A COMPETITIVE EVENT UNLESS IT IS USED FOR TIMEKEEPING OR ONLINE SCORING. CELL PHONES SHOULD NOT BE USED DURING CONFERENCE SESSIONS.**
- Respect others privacy and be cautious when taking photographs of others at conference. Always ask before you take photos of others.
- Avoid taking calls when you are already engaged in a face-to-face conversation. You may be tempted to answer but if you **resist the urge**, the person that you are with will feel respected and appreciated. If you must take a call, ask for permission first.
- Avoid texting when you are engaged in a face-to-face conversation. Texting others makes present company feel unappreciated and unimportant.
- **Lower your voice** when taking calls in public. Applying the 10-foot rule is a safe measure. Keep a distance of at least 10 feet from the nearest person when talking on a cell phone.
- **Avoid personal topics** when others can hear you.



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