

Updated Use of Electronic Devices and Cell Phones

The Golf Committee has adopted the VSGA policy for the use of electronic devices and cell phone during the Championship.

VSGA Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones may be used as distance-measuring devices, but must comply with Rule 4.3 in the Rules of Golf. Talking on cell phones is prohibited unless it is for an emergency. Violation of this prohibition will result in a warning; continued violation shall result in a disqualification in accordance with the rejection of entry statement above.

The USGA's Rule 4.3 states

A player may use equipment to help his or her play during a round, except that a player must not create a potential advantage by:

Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgment that is essential to the challenge of the game, or

Using equipment (including a club or a ball) in an abnormal way in making a stroke. "Abnormal way" means a way that is fundamentally different than its intended use and is not normally recognized as part of playing the game.

<u>This page</u> contains information on what a player can and cannot do with a mobile device. Please share this information with your players