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# CLOSER LOOK: CELL PHONE USE



## What is it?

- Cell phone and electronic device usage are part of the USA Hockey Rule Book (in game) and Safesport (off ice)
- Penalty Box volunteers are considered off ice officials and are not permitted to take pictures or videos while fulfilling this role
- Communication via cell phones using direct text, direct chat, or other forms of communication between an adult and a minor must include a parent or other adult



## Acceptable Use?

- As a general rule, electronic communication between players, coaches, or officials in game is prohibited; however, the use of some apps (timer, digital whiteboard, etc.) are allowed
- Taking video or pictures in the locker room is *strictly prohibited*. Coaches or Team Managers have the right to collect devices before entering the locker room
- It is *strongly* recommended that players not use digital devices during team activities.



More

## Information?

- More information about our SCIR Locker Room or Electronic Communications Policy go to: <https://www.scirhockey.org/information/usa-hockey-safesports/>
- USA Hockey Rule 308 addresses Electronic Device use during play.
- PAHL 2022-23 Rule 8.F outlines the rule prohibiting photos or video from the bench, penalty box or scorekeeper's area.



Videos and pictures taken in locker rooms is strictly prohibited regardless of the content. A selfie, video, or picture taken for fun is still a violation.