

**Friend of Court**  
**Cell Phone Hindrance Rule**

Comment 26.3. What happens if a payer's cell phone rings?

If a phone rings during the point, the opponent may stop the point and claim the point based on deliberate hindrance. If the cell phone rings between points, the interruption is treated as a Time Violation warning or point penalty depending on whether the previous Time Violation has been issued. In both cases the player shall turn off the cell phone. There is no penalty for a vibrating phone, but the player should immediately turn off the phone unless the Referee has specifically authorized the player to wear a cellphone in vibrate mode.