

## **CCLNY Rules for Cell Phones Ringing during Matches**

The following is consistent with our existing rules (i.e., if an issue is not covered, then we defer to latest USCF rules).

(1) At 6:30 pm, at the Mutual of America playing site, immediately before clocks are started, the CCLNY Tournament Director will make the announcement that all cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate. A ringing phone during the match will be subjected the USCF/FIDE penalty, which is shown below -

**a.** First offense standard penalty is to subtract 10 minutes **or** half the remaining time from a player's clock, whichever is less;

**b.** Second (and subsequent) offense for the same player during the same event is loss of the game currently in progress.

(2) A player entering after the 6:30 announcement is still subject to these rules. Captains are responsible for conveying this penalty to their players who enter late.

(3) Teams playing at single match sites (Transit, ConEd, SwissRe, Bloomberg, NYC&G) should follow this rule; however, the two captains at that site may both agree before the match not to enforce this penalty.