MFTHBA Bylaw & Rule Modification Form

Proposed Change ☑ Modification ☐ Deletion ☐ New

This change applies to the following rule:
*Please include the page number, section and full text of rule you wish to modify or delete.

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Except in the discharge of their official duty, use of cellular phones and smart watches while adjudicating during a show is strictly forbidden.

Provide the exact wording for the proposed new or modified rule:

Judges shall not possess or use cellular phones, smart watches, or other electronic devices while judging. An exception may be approved by Show Management when a device is necessary for medical accessibility, or assistance technology purpose. Any approved device may be used only for that purpose and may not be used for calls, texting, messaging, social media, photography, or other unrelated functions while judging.

In the space below, please provide justification for the change.
Justification must include discussion regarding the problem to be addressed with the change, potential impact to other portions of the rule book, and why the proposed change is the best solution to address the problem. If necessary utilize a separate page for additional information.

This aligns the use of technology in center ring with the Americans with Disabilities Act and ensure judges have access to appropriate medical devices while continuing to restrict use for unrelated communications.

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Contact Information (required)

Name:

MFTHBA Membership Number:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Daytime Phone Number:

Email:

Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Once submitted, the complete and thorough proposals will be submitted to the appropriate committee. Each committee will have 30 days to review and provide feedback to the MFTHBA Board of Directors. The MFTHBA Board of Directors will review the proposal and the feedback from the committee. Proposals receiving approval from the Board will be released for comment from the MFTHBA membership.