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USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES IN EVENTS CONDUCTED BY THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Board of the NSW Golf Association has announced its intention to introduce a local rule permitting the use of distance measuring devices in its events. The NSWGA isn't the first golf organisation to implement such a local rule and with the cost decreasing and availability improving, these devices are now far more accessible than ever before and the time is right.

Another factor that contributed to this decision was the increasing evidence that distance measuring devices actually improve the speed of play in almost all circumstances.

The following Local Rule will therefore be in force for all future events* conducted by the NSWGA:

Distance-Measuring Devices:

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg, gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

* This local rule will not apply to the 2008 NSW Sand Greens Championship and 2008 NSW Major Pennant Competition which are currently underway. However, it will apply for all future events.

Club Committees are also encouraged to consider the introduction of a Local Rule to accommodate the use of Distance Measuring Devices. When doing so, the wording above is recommended.

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