

USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES

ALL GOLFERS SHOULD READ AND BE VERY AWARE OF THE RULES/REGULATIONS

Rules , Regulations and recommendations on the use of DMD's and mobile phones have been issued by the R and A and EGU.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD's)

Having considered the Rules Recommendations and Guidance from the R and A and EGU, the General Committee at Tynemouth golf club have approved the Golfing Committee's decision to allow the use of DMD's in competition play **but only if they conform** with the R and A rules on golfing equipment.

Please read very carefully the attached document which clarifies what does conform and what does not.

Basically a DMD only conforms if the only function it is able to measure is the horizontal distance between two fixed points be it by GPS or rangefinder technology.

If any other information can be obtained from a specific piece of equipment eg heights, elevation, angles, slopes, temperature, wind direction, compass, or any other information that could be deemed to be assisting a golfer, even if these functions are not switched on or being used then that makes the equipment non conforming and illegal to use.

eg If you use an application on an i phone (or any similar electronic device) as a DMD and that device (which most if not all) can tell you the air temperature or elevation etc or your rangefinder has a slope/elevation function then those devices/pieces of equipment do not conform and are illegal to use as a DMD resulting in disqualification.

Whilst it would be impossible to check/monitor every different piece of equipment being used on the course the use of DMD and whether they conform or not is clearly defined in the rules of golf under which all competitions are played and therefore must be self policing as with all the other rules.

MOBILE PHONES

The EGU Regulations are that mobile phones should only be used on a golf course in the case of emergencies. The Golfing committee requests that all members are aware of this regulation and restrict the use of phones on the course to an absolute minimum, giving full consideration to other members and fellow golfers. We consider this a matter of courtesy and course etiquette and should be self policing.

Any queries on the above or any other rules of golf please contact the Golfing Committee.

Thanks you for your understanding and consideration

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