



TO: PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour members and caddies

FROM: PGA TOUR Rules Committee

RE: Distance-Measuring Device (DMD) trial period - Rules reminders

DATE: April 4, 2025.

The distance-measuring device trial period on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour will be in effect at all tournaments from April 14 to May 11. On the PGA TOUR the trial period encompasses the RBC Heritage, Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, The CJ CUP Byron Nelson, Truist Championship and the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic. On the Korn Ferry Tour, the distance-measuring device trial will be in effect at the LECOM Suncoast Classic, Veritex Bank Championship and the Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya.

This memo outlines pertinent Rules of Golf information that should assist all players and caddies in choosing and using their device.

The restrictions on green reading materials will remain in place under Model Local Rule G-11. Hence, any distance-measuring devices with mapping capabilities or green contour displays are NOT permitted as they would breach the requirements of the Local Rule. For example, brands such as *SkyCaddie*, *Garmin Approach*, and *Voice Caddie* have models of distance-measuring devices with the capability to display unapproved graphics of a hole or a putting green that may result in a penalty.

The Rules Committee recommends all players and caddies choose a traditional rangefinder-style instrument for measuring distance only. **All other features such as course mapping, club selection advice, and measuring slope, elevation, or wind, must be disabled prior to using the device during competition.** If such features cannot be disabled, the device must not be used.

The penalty for the first breach of this rule is **two strokes**. A second breach results in **disqualification**.

In addition to using distance-measuring devices during the trial period, players and caddies may also use their usual approved materials; the Committee approved yardage book, approved hole location sheets, and other maps of the course no larger than letter or A4 size paper.

For questions regarding your distance-measuring device, please seek a member of the Rules Committee.

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