

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (Rule 14-3 and Appendix iv, page 162)

In all W&HLCGA competitions and matches, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. 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 function is actually used.

- Note i:**
- a. Trolleys with a distance measuring capability: May be used provided any other function, which is non-conforming, is disabled (e.g. 'taped up' or switched off).
 - b. Multi-functional devices (such as a mobile phone) with a distance measuring application may **not** be used unless the application is restricted to 'distance only' and the device does not have any other 'non-conforming' function or application. **

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF Note i: a or b: Disqualification

Note ii: This Local Rule applies to team captains in both stroke play and match play championships. If a team captain uses a device in breach of this Local Rule, any distance information sought and received by a player from that team captain or given by that team captain and willingly received by a player, will result in the player's disqualification.

Unless otherwise specified above or the breach is covered by a Rule of Golf,

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

**** England Golf's advice on the use of mobile phones as a distance measuring device:** Because of problems over whether a particular phone conforms to the Local Rule and, therefore, to protect players from the risk of disqualification, England Golf **strongly recommends** that mobile phones are **not** used as distance measuring devices.