

Use of Equipment Policy (Rule 4.3)

Dear Player

In recent years, championships run under the auspices of Wales Golf have allowed the use of Distance Measuring Devices, and continue to do so into 2019.

The Rules around use of such devices have changed so this policy is designed to give practical advice to players competing in Wales Golf Championships

Range Finders

Range Finders (or lasers) are designed to accurately measure distance to a specific point. Some models are also capable of calculating gradient or slope in addition to distance. Any multi-functional devices are permitted but must not be used to measure gradient or slope during Championship Play.

Smart Phones & Use of Internet

Smart Phones, although primarily communication devices, can have secondary functions. GPS applications on smart phones are permitted provided the application in question is only used to measure distance information.

Additionally, smart phones will have the ability to access a range of information which could impact players under Rule 4.3:

Accessing information which is allowed

- Distance or directional information, including use of a compass
- Accessing weather information from weather forecasts
- Using information that was gathered **before the round** e.g. playing information, club recommendations
- Accessing scoring information from the Championship they are currently competing in

Accessing information which is not allowed

- Accessing information which offers a recommended line of play or club selection based on the live location of the player's ball
- Measuring current wind speed
- Processing playing information or physiological information **during the round**
- Listening to music using the smart phone as a personal audio device (Wales Golf Local Rule)

Players should also be aware of general etiquette & host club rules when thinking of using a smart phone during Championship play

General Information

Any questions you may have relating to Distance Measuring Devices and their usage can be directed to the Championship Manager or Rules Officials at any Wales Golf Championship or by contacting the Wales Golf offices. If there is any doubt as to conformity to Rule 4.3 players are urged to err on the side of caution