

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

To: All players participating in an LGU Championship



Application of Groove Condition from 2014

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of the recommendation set forth in Decision 4-1/1 of *Decisions on the Rule of Golf* that, from 1 January 2014, the condition requiring players to use clubs which conform to the 2010 groove and punch mark specifications may be adopted at competitions involving the highest level of amateur golf. As you know, up until now, this condition has only been in effect at the elite level of the professional game and this is expected to remain the case until 2014.

However, The LGU Championship Committee has taken the decision to adopt the condition for the following events with effect from 2014;

The Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship
Final Qualifying Stage of the Ricoh Women's British Open
The Girls' British Open Amateur Championship
The Home International Matches

The LGU, with the support of the R&A, would like to take this opportunity to offer its assistance to you in order to ensure a smooth transition to the new Rules. To that end, The LGU strongly recommends that if you are participating in elite level amateur events throughout the 2013 season, you seek to verify the status of your clubs against the condition, in preparation for 2014.

This can be done in a number of ways;

1. A searchable database of pre-2010 models of clubs is on The R&A's website at the following link: <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs.aspx>. Please note that new models of clubs submitted to the governing bodies on or after 1 January 2010 are not included in the database and such clubs are required to meet the 2010 groove specifications by the Rules of Golf. If you have a new model of club which was manufactured after 1 January 2010, but would like some reassurance that it does meet the new specifications, you are advised to contact The R&A's Equipment Standards department (see details below).
2. Guidance on how to interpret the search results and other general information can be found at the following link: <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs/Groove-Rules-Explained.aspx>
3. The R&A's Equipment Standards department will be available to answer any questions you might have on this issue - particularly if a certain club does not appear on the database or if it is listed as 'ATR' (Additional Testing Required). In such a case, you are encouraged to complete and return the attached form as soon as possible and a member of the R&A's Equipment Standards staff will make contact direct. Remember, the new Rules do not apply to drivers and putters.
4. For clubs which need to be tested in order to ascertain their status, The R&A will be offering a test service out of its Equipment Standards office in St Andrews throughout 2013. Using the contact details noted below you may request further details of this service.

All queries relating to your equipment should be directed to The R&A's Equipment Standards department on 01334 460000 or by email to clairebates@randa.org.

Queries relating to the LGU Championship you have entered may be referred to championships@lgu.org

CLUB INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form and return to the following address if you are in any doubt as to whether your clubs meet the 2010 Groove Rules:



Claire Bates, The R&A, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9JD clairebates@randa.org

Name	
Country	
Email	
Phone No	
LGU Championship Being Entered in 2013	

FAIRWAY WOODS / HYBRIDS

Manufacture Name	Model (Use Markings on Head)	Loft	Year of Manufacture	Database Status (Circle as appropriate)	
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed

IRON SETS / ODD IRONS

Manufacture Name	Model (Use Markings on Head)	Loft	Year of Manufacture	Database Status (Circle as appropriate)	
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed

WEDGES

Manufacture Name	Model (Use Markings on Head)	Loft / Bounces	Year of Manufacture	Database Status (Circle as appropriate)	
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed
				ATR	Not Listed