

2016 NCAA Men's Championships

Local Rule

Distance-Measuring Devices

Distance-Measuring Devices: During the Championships, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, recommendations on club selection, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 14-3.

In addition, the use of distance-measuring devices by the designated advice coach is also authorized by the NCAA Committee. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8, the Committee has established the following condition with respect to the conduct of these coaches.

If, during a stipulated round, an advice coach uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play, upon discovery of the breach, the advice coach must leave the course for the remainder of that round with no substitution permitted.

If, during a stipulated round, a player asks for these other measured conditions from anyone (including the advice coach) made with a distance-measuring device, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. If, during a stipulated round, a player is given these other measured conditions from anyone (including the advice coach) made with a distance measuring device and fails to take action to stop this irregular procedure, in equity (Rule 1-4), the player incurs the penalty under Rule 14-3.