

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Groove Condition.

The 2014 Division III Men's and Women's Golf Committees voted to delay the implementation, as a Condition of Competition, the USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications until August 1, 2014. The committees initially recommended that all regular season tournaments and conference championships adopt this Condition effective January 1, 2014 with its requirement at the NCAA national championships in May 2014 (refer to [December 1, 2013, memorandum](#)). As a result, the Condition will be in effect for regular season and postseason competition beginning with the 2014-15 year.

Players are responsible for ensuring that clubs conform to the Rules of Golf, including all applicable conditions of competition. Players, therefore, should take care to ensure that any clubs carried during a stipulated round meet the rules requirements in effect for competition. Moreover, it is strongly recommended that any questions regarding compliance with the New Groove Rules be resolved by the player in advance of competition; onsite testing will not be available at the NCAA championships.

Players in doubt as to whether their clubs conform to this Condition may refer to the USGA website for more information (<http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>). This database lists models of clubs that were available prior to 2010 (including some models that changed their grooves specifications for 2010) and the result of the USGA testing. For newer models or clubs not found on the list, players should contact USGA Equipment Standards for further information at 908/234-2300.

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