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The Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) adopts the Local Rule found in Appendix I, Section B, #9, permitting the use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) for all MGA competitions.

The device must measure ***distance only*** without any additional functions that might provide information beneficial to the player, such as slope, compass, wind speed, or temperature. A person using a device that measures any condition ruled to be non-conforming will be disqualified.

In addition to the prohibition of devices that provide more information than distance, the MGA will not be permitting the use of GPS applications on “smart phones”.

The Local Rule is as follows:

“For play in all Minnesota Golf Association events, 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 his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, 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. This includes any distance measuring application loaded on a ‘smart phone’.”

However, the use of these devices in a qualifying event for any USGA championship, even if conducted by the MGA, is strictly prohibited under Rule 14-3.