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Distance Measuring Device Policy – All USGA Open Championship Competitions

The use of conforming distance-measuring devices (DMD) will not be permitted in Local qualifying, Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper of all USGA open championships.

The USGA will, at each of its open-only championships, use the following Local Rule:

"In Local qualifying, Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, Rule 4.3a(1) is modified in this way:

During a round, a player must not obtain distance information by using an electronic distance-measuring device."

Questions regarding this Local Rule may be directed to the Rules and Competitions Department via email to rules@usga.org.