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To: Athletic Directors and High School Golf Coaches

From: Kelly Foster, Assistant Executive Director

Re: USGA 4.3 Use of Equipment

We have received questions regarding the USGA rule regarding the use of equipment during a round. For the full rule, please refer to the USGA Rules of Golf [4.3 Use of Equipment](#). See below for some notes on what is NOT allowed:

4.3 Use of Equipment: Rule 4.3 applies to all types of equipment that a player might use during a round, except that the requirement to play with conforming clubs and balls is covered by Rules 4.1 and 4.2, not by this Rule. This Rule only concerns how equipment is used. It does not limit the equipment that a player may have with them during a round.

- **Not Allowed:**

- Measuring elevation changes, or
- Interpreting distance or directional information (such as using a device to get a recommended line of play or club selection based on the location of the player's ball).
- Measuring wind speed at the course, or
- Using an artificial object to get other wind-related information (such as using powder to assess wind direction).
- Processing or interpreting playing information from the round (such as club recommendations based on current round distances), or
- Using any physiological information recorded during the round.

Please contact Kelly Foster of the OSAA with any questions at 503-682-6722 x 233 or kellyf@osaa.org.