

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - Use of distance-measuring devices

New Rule: The previous default position in the Rules is reversed

- Rule 4.3 now allows players to use DMDs to measure distance.
- But a Committee may adopt a Local Rule prohibiting such use of DMDs.

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- Allowing DMD use is consistent with the principles of the game:
- Figuring out the distance to the hole or to another location on the course is not one of the decisions that the Rules expect players to make using only their own skill and judgment or only with a caddie's advice.
- Distance is public information a player may get from anyone; and on most courses, this information is found on sprinkler heads, markers, posts, etc.

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Each of these rules changes will take effect on January 1, 2019.

Our hope is to make as many golfers knowledgeable of the upcoming rules changes before the new year.

Good Luck & Play Well!

