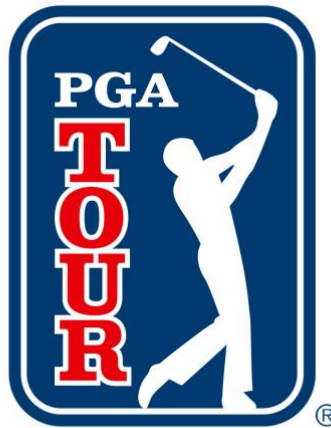


# PLAYER AND CADDIE INFORMATION

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**BOTH LOCAL RULES ARE  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

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## 46 INCH CLUB-LENGTH LIMITATION (Excluding Putters)

- In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.
- There is a 0.2-inch tolerance in the measurement, which includes the butt-end of the grip, so the total finished length must be equal to or less than 46.2 inches.
- The measurement includes any internal attachments inside the butt end of the grip and excludes any external attachments to the butt end.
- The club is measured in the configuration (setting) it is intended to be played in.
- Manufacturers are advised to measure the club in all its configurations prior to giving the club to the player. All manufacturers have access to the template drawings, made available through the USGA.
- After measuring the club, the player should be advised to re-measure the club if its settings are re-adjusted, and/or the club is regripped.
- A penalty applies only if a stroke is made with the club in excess of 46.2"; no penalty applies for simply carrying the club.
- A measurement template will be available on site each week in the Rules Office. When measured, if the club fits in the template it is conforming. If it does not fit, or pressure needs to be applied in order to make it fit, it is non-conforming.
- **Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.**



## **GREENS READING MATERIALS FURTHER RESTRICTIONS**

**The purpose of this Model Local Rule is to return to a position where players and caddies use their skill and judgment, along with any information gained through experience, preparation and practice to read the line of play on the putting green.**

**The structure of the Local Rule has been significantly influenced by Tour player input, with the full support of the PGA TOUR Player Directors and the PGA TOUR PAC.**

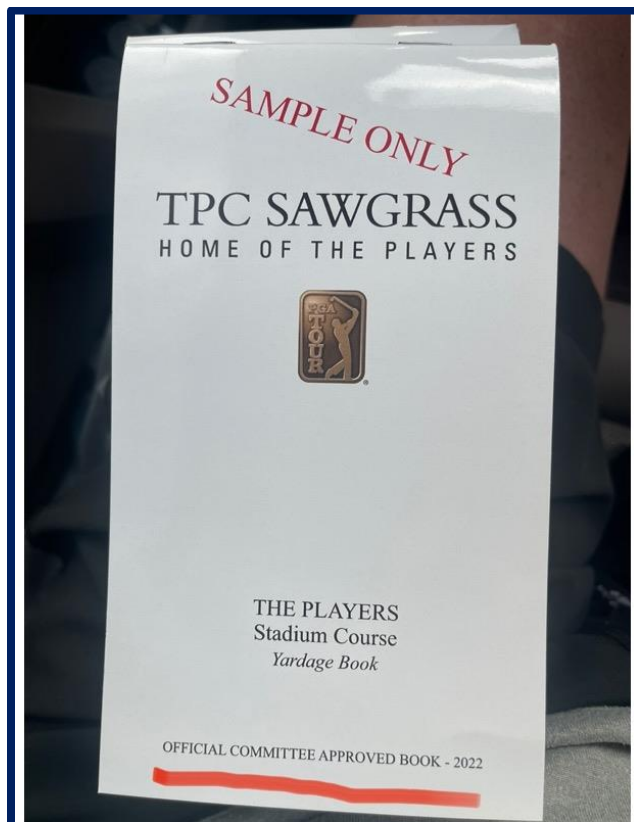
### **THERE ARE IMPORTANT COMPONENTS TO THIS LOCAL RULE:**

1. Players may use only a Committee Approved Yardage Book during a competition. This “Committee approval requirement” also applies to the use of any other printed information including full maps of the course kept on a paper no larger than 8.5” x 11”, and hole location charts.
2. There are restrictions on the methods used to gather any notes that could assist with reading the line of play on the putting green.
3. Handwritten notes that could assist with reading the line of play on the putting green must be written by the player or the player’s caddie and they may be kept in the approved book, on the hole location chart or on other items meeting the size limit of 7” x 4.25”.
4. But notes that could not help read the line of play on the putting green may be kept in any place.

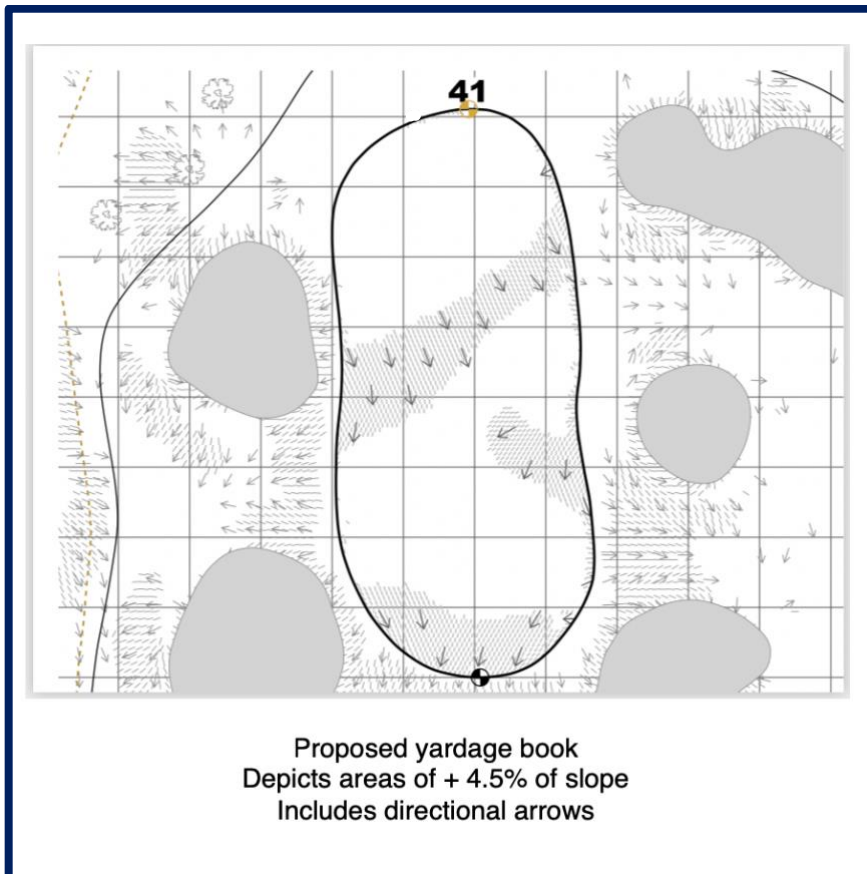
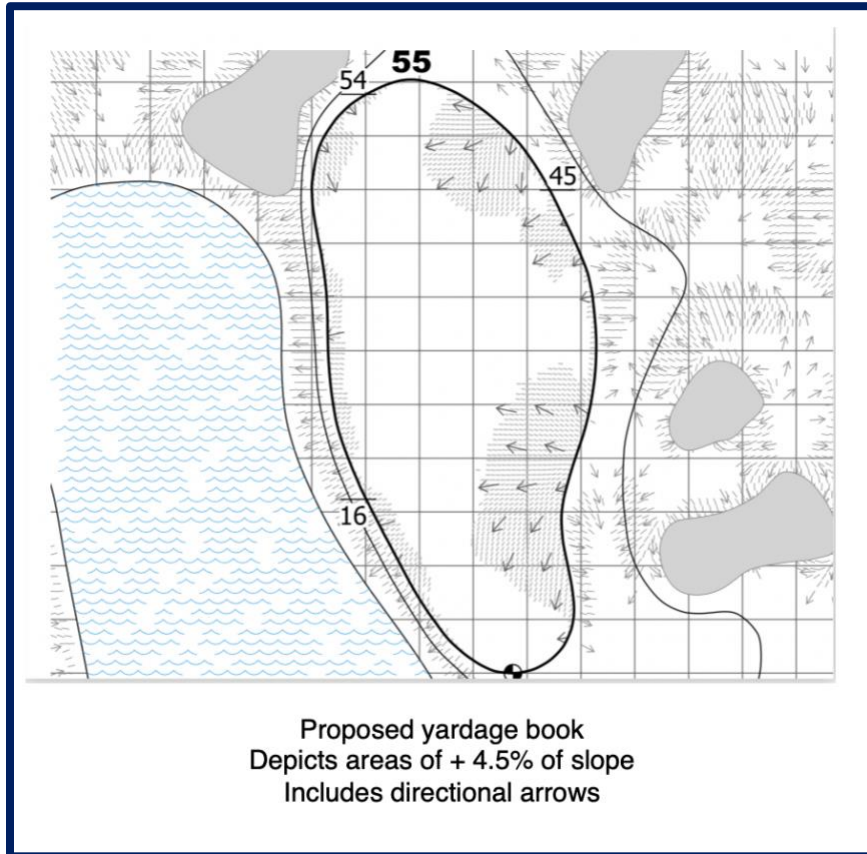


## WHAT IS A COMMITTEE APPROVED BOOK?

- The Committee approved yardage book **MUST** be the only book used and it will be clearly identified as such. The purpose is:
  - 1) An approved book eliminates in competition the use of all previous printed data and information about a set of greens.
  - 2) An approved book prevents developers from providing similar highly detailed information in the future for use in competition.
- In working with Mark Long, the parameters have been set for the green's graphics in the approved yardage books on the PGA Tour in 2022. These are:
  - a) 4.5% and above of slope is shaded in grey with directional arrows, resembling a traditional yardage book.
  - b) The cover of the book will identify the book as a **PGA TOUR Rules Committee Approved Book - 2022** (see photo below).
  - c) Fixed points (such as sprinkler heads) are not shown.
  - d) Green images will be in black and white only.
  - e) Contour lines are not used in the green images.
  - f) The graphic will be identical in either of Mark's products, the Black & White base book, or the upscale Tee Pics book.
  - g) Only 2022 books will be approved for use starting January 1, 2022.
- Identification of the year on the cover is important. If there is a reason to change the approved book in subsequent years, an older book may or may not be allowed for use, depending on the nature of the change.



# EXAMPLE OF APPROVED BOOK – TPC SUMMERLIN HOLES 18 & 15



## **HANDWRITTEN NOTES THAT COULD ASSIST READING THE LINE OF PLAY ON THE PUTTING GREEN ARE RESTRICTED.**

**Other notes (that is, notes that could not assist with reading the line of play on the putting green) are not restricted.**

- Handwritten notes that could assist reading a green may be kept in the Committee Approved Book, on approved information such as a hole location chart, or on other paper meeting the size limit of 7" x 4.25". They must be written by the player or caddie only.
- Notes must be based on the experiences and observations of the player or the player's caddie while watching a ball rolling on a green, no matter who rolled or played the ball. This includes observations from a TV broadcast, which means footage of the same competition or a previously recorded competition.
- Also, any estimation of slope, speed or other putting green conditions that are based on feel, skill and judgment are allowed to be kept as notes as outlined in bullet one above.
- Casual talk between caddies or other people about the greens and hole-locations is normal. But this information must NOT be kept as a handwritten note. Your handwritten notes must only be based on the personal experiences or observations of the player or his caddie.
- Devices, levels or other technology must not be used to gather information to be kept as notes.
- Information must not be copied from another source. Examples of sources that are not allowed to be used include: copying arrows or slope percentages from a high-resolution greens book or copying lines that represent a straight putt to a given hole location.
- Charts that could assist in greens reading (i.e. AimPoint) must not be used during a competition and must not be copied and kept as notes.
- But transferring notes that meet the new restrictions from an old yardage book into the approved book is allowed.
- Other handwritten notes that could not assist with reading the line of play on the putting green are allowed to be kept in any place, e.g., yardage numbers obtained during practice using a DMD, or swing thoughts handwritten by a coach.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**NOTE: Internal PGA TOUR FAQ's only.**

**When the MLR is released, formal FAQ's will be released by USGA & R&A to replace these FAQ's.**

- 1. Q: How are the new Committee Approved Books being developed?**  
**A:** The Rules Committee will work with the yardage book developer(s) to ensure the level of detail on the greens is limited to very minimal slopes, tiers, and ridges, where hole locations are not contemplated. The green image in the approved book will resemble a traditional yardage book.  
The book will be identified as an approved book on the front cover and must meet size and scale limits.
- 2. Q: Can an old yardage book, since the 2019 restrictions be used?**  
**A:** NO. The Committee Approved Book for 2022 is a new version of the previous yardage book, with less detail on the greens. An approved book must be the ONLY book used for competition.  
However, any notes that meet the new restrictions may be transferred from an old book into the new approved book.
- 3. Q: Are Greens Reading Books now obsolete?**  
**A:** NO. They may be used in practice rounds and pro-ams that are not part of the official competition, and before or after a round. However, they may NOT be used during a competition round. Also, none of the printed data within a Greens Reading Book may be copied as a hand-written note into the approved book.
- 4. Q: How are handwritten notes limited?**  
**A:** The limitation on handwritten notes applies to notes that could assist with reading the line of play on the putting green. Notes are limited to information gathered or written by the player or the caddie only. The notes must be based on skill or judgment when making estimations, or from observations of balls rolling on a green. This includes watching a ball rolling in practice rounds, during competition or on a TV broadcast. Handwritten notes that are copied from any other source are NOT allowed (e.g., slope data points or arrows), and information obtained by use of a device or a level is NOT allowed.  
But using a DMD to make notes on yardages or keeping swing information from a coach are not restricted, as these notes are not related to reading the line of play on the putting green.
- 5. Q: If a player or caddie watches a TV broadcast coverage and see other players' putts. May they use the information seen on TV as part of their handwritten notes**  
**A:** YES. Handwritten notes may be based on experiences or observations of balls rolling on the greens, this includes from a broadcast. These notes must be kept in the in the Committee Approved Book, or on approved information such as a hole location chart.
- 6. Q: A technique to read putts involves a printed chart of data. May this chart be used during a round?**  
**A:** NO. That chart is information from a source that is NOT allowed and may not be transferred as notes.
- 7. Q: May a player alter images in an approved yardage book, such as creating an oversized image or an image of the same size that is then altered to provide custom yardages?**  
**A:** No. The player must use only the approved yardage book, or other approved information (such as the hole location chart provided by the Committee).
- 8. Q: May colors or shading be used in the new approved book to indicate sections of greens?**  
**A:** YES. Providing these colors are inserted by hand and are based on the naked-eye, skill, and judgment. They may not be a copy of any other materials.
- 9. Q: A player switches caddies during a tournament. May the player use the new caddies' notes?**  
**A:** YES. So long as the handwritten notes of the new caddie meet the new restrictions, and he may also continue to use the notes from the previous caddie.
- 10. Q: How will the Committee police this Local Rule?**  
**A:** This is an integrity-based Rule. Like other aspects of the game of golf, the Committee will not be actively looking for breaches of this Local Rule.  
However, there may be a reason for the Committee to review the book a player is using or question the handwritten notes a player or caddie has retained in the Committee Approved Book.





## WHAT GIVES RISE TO A PENALTY?

**Note: the penalty statement under Rule 4.3 applies.  
2 strokes for first breach, DQ for second unrelated breach.**

- If a player or caddie has a book or hole location chart that is NOT approved and uses it during the round (regardless of the purpose of the use), it is 2 strokes for first use of the book, DQ for subsequent use of the book. No penalty for simply carrying that book.
- If a player or caddie has notes that are NOT allowed, it's a breach as soon as the player looks at the hole or page where the notes are kept, regardless of whether or not the player looked at those notes. (This allows a player to keep using the rest of a book when they learn of an issue with one hole).
- This meaning of "use" is borrowed from the treatment of DMD's that have the slope feature turned on and the player uses it to measure distance but claims not to have looked at the adjusted number; this is a breach.

**IF a player or caddie has breached the Local Rule by deliberately copying information from another source, or deliberately using technology that is not allowed, the player is subject to Disqualification by the Committee under Rule 1.2b.**



## NEXT STEPS...

- Extensive education to players and caddies is underway. Questions feel free to call Steve Rintoul (904) 607-5470.
- First tournaments in 2022 expect player and caddie one-on-one interaction with the Rules Committee/USGA to ensure the new Local Rules are understood without issue.
- Both Local Rules will be listed on the 2022 PGA TOUR Local Rules Card (Hard Card).