



## Rule of the Month: Fair or Not?

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### **Rule 4 The Player's Equipment: Other Equipment Used During the Round**

Rule 4 covers all the player's equipment including clubs, balls and any other equipment the player may use or carry during the round. Last month's focus was on the player's clubs and balls and may be accessed by clicking [here](#).

While a player may use other equipment during the round, it is imperative that the use of equipment doesn't create a potential advantage by eliminating or reducing the need for a skill or judgement that is essential to the challenge of the game. Additionally, the Rules prohibit using equipment, including a club or ball, in a way that is fundamentally different from its intended use and is not normally recognized as part of playing the game.

Test your knowledge of the equipment you may use and how it may be used with the following questions.

#### **Questions: True / False**

1. A distance measuring device may only be used if the Committee has established a Local Rule permitting their use.
2. A player is not allowed to use a device to measure elevation change (slope).
3. A club or another object, such as a rod or a weight on a string, may be used as a plumb line to judge the contour of the putting green.
4. Grass may be tossed into the wind to judge the speed and direction. A powder carried by the player may be used for the same purpose.
5. There is no penalty if a player measures the temperature or humidity at a particular hole during a round.
6. A player must not take a stance for the stroke using a club that he or she placed on the ground to help with lining up his or her feet.
7. During a round, practice swings may be made before a stroke using a weighted "donut" on the club.
8. An alignment rod must not be carried during a round.
9. A player must not listen to music to eliminate distraction.
10. A player must not video record his or her swing during a round.