



NCAA DII MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

FAQs

USE OF GREEN READING MATERIALS

See the back of this page for the current USGA Infographic on Green Reading Materials and what is allowed under the 2023 Rules of Golf. DII Men's and Women's Championships are **NOT** using either Model Local Rule G-11 or G-12.

- 1. Are Green Reading Materials Permitted?** Yes, either in paper format or by using an electronic app that displays similar information as to what is contained in the paper yardage books.
- 2. May Green Reading Materials be used for shots played when the ball is on the Putting Green?** Yes, Model Local Rule G- 12 which prohibits this use is **NOT** in effect.
- 3. Which Green Reading Materials comply with USGA Step 2 – the Size Limit?** It is presumed that both Strackaline and PuttView books produced after January 1, 2019, are compliant with the Rules. Strackaline and PuttView books that are compliant typically have a statement of compliance on the cover or the first page inside the book.

Other books may be compliant, but the user should ensure compliance before use in any competition.

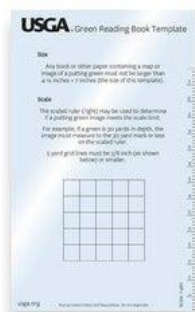
Electronic devices must also meet the size limit of 4 ¼ by 7 inches when measuring the image as initially displayed by the app. If all Putting Green images displayed fit within the size requirement the device is in compliance.

- 4. Does Step 3 – the Scale Limit apply to electronic devices?** Yes, the scale limit applies to apps that display Putting Green diagrams and information. Users must be careful to ensure that the app consistently meets the 5-yard square displayed at 3/8" or less requirement upon initial display of any Putting Green map. Because electronic devices have a wide variety of screen sizes, Putting Green maps may be displayed at different sizes on different sized screens. Each different electronic device should be checked to confirm compliance with the Rules pertaining to Green Reading Materials.

Players also must be careful not to use a "zoom" feature on an electronic device to enlarge the green map to a size larger than allowed. Enlarging a Putting Green diagram to a size larger than permitted would be a breach of Rule 4.3a. See also Rules of Golf Clarification 4.3a/1 for further information.

- 5. How can I ensure my book or app is compliant with the Rules?** You can use the measurement scale in Step 3 of the USGA infographic. Alternately, you can purchase a template from the USGA at: [USGA Green Reading Material Template](#)

Some referees may have a template and may be able to assist with checking a book or device for compliance. It is best to do this well in advance of the player's first starting time at a competition.



GREEN-READING MATERIALS

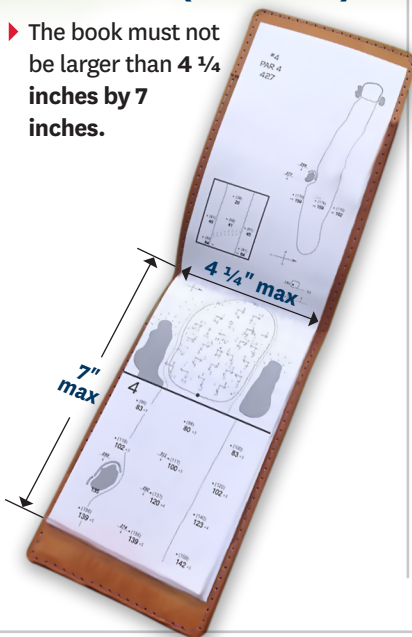
4 steps to see how and when a yardage or green book may be used
when neither Model Local Rule G-11 nor G-12 are in effect

- 1 Will the book be used to help read the line of play on the putting green when playing from on the putting green?**



- 2 SIZE LIMIT (4 1/4" X 7")**

- ▶ The book must not be larger than **4 1/4 inches by 7 inches**.



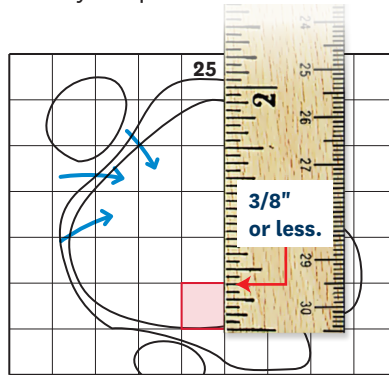
- 3 SCALE LIMIT (1:480)**

- ▶ Any printed image of a putting green in the book must not be larger than the scale limit.

HOW TO CHECK:

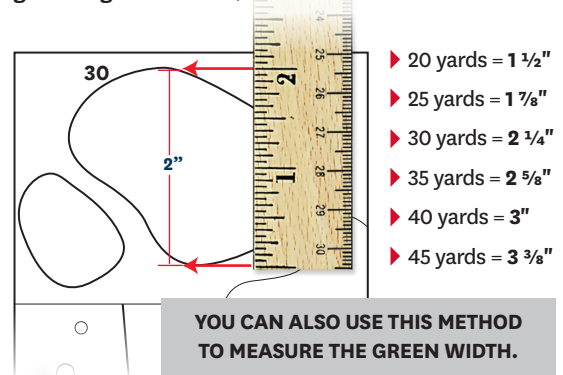
5 Yard Grid Method

Many books use green images that have 5-yard grids. To meet the scale limit, each 5-yard square must be **3/8" or less**.



Green Depth Measure Method

If the book does not have 5-yard grids, measure the green depth at any of the examples below. If it is **at the given length or shorter**, it is within the scale limit.



- 4 HANDWRITTEN NOTES**

HANDWRITTEN NOTES MUST ONLY BE:

Made by the player using it, or by any of the following:

- ▶ the player's caddie
▶ the partner or partner's caddie
▶ the advice giver (in team competitions)

AND

- ▶ on a piece of paper that meets the **SIZE LIMIT** (see step 2).



If the answer to Step 1 is **YES** and a player uses materials to read the line of play on the putting green that do not satisfy Steps 2, 3 or 4, the player is in **breach of Rule 4.3a**.

Model Local Rules G-11 and G-12 place further limitations on the use of green-reading material. If either Local Rule is in effect, please refer to that Local Rule for its limitations.

These steps can also be used to determine how materials may be accessed on an electronic device (such as a smartphone).
For more information, including frequently asked questions on the use of green-reading materials, visit WWW.USGA.ORG/GRM