GOLF'S NEW RULES: GREEN-READING MATERIALS
4 steps to see how and when a yardage or green book may be used

1 **Will the book be used to help read the line of play on the putting green when either…**
   - playing from on the putting green
   - using a putter from anywhere else on the course?

2 **SIZE LIMIT (4 ¼” X 7”)**
   - The book must not be larger than 4 ¼ 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 using any of the examples below. If it is at the given length or shorter, it is within the scale limit.

   - 20 yards = 1 ½”
   - 25 yards = 1 ⅝”
   - 30 yards = 2 ¼”
   - 35 yards = 2 ⅝”
   - 40 yards = 3”
   - 45 yards = 3 ½”

   **YOU CAN ALSO USE THIS METHOD TO MEASURE THE GREEN WIDTH.**

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)
     - 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.**

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](http://WWW.USGA.ORG/GRM)