

PART 8 – COMMITTEE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

This section covers items of equipment which are not a player's responsibility, but that are used by the player during the round. These items may still be required to meet certain specifications to allow the game to be played to the Rules of Golf. It is the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that all such items of equipment meet the requirements laid out in this section.

I. The Flagstick

The flagstick is provided by the Committee and is placed in the hole to show players where the hole is. The flagstick is comprised of a removable pole and other components attached to the pole as defined below. None of the components of the flagstick can be designed to or include features that unduly influence the movement of the ball nor allow a player to measure wind speed or direction.

Requirements:

a. The Pole:

- i. Must be circular in cross-section;
- ii. Must have a diameter of no greater than 2 inches (50.8 mm) from the top of the pole to a point no less than 3 inches (76.2 mm) above the putting green surface.
- iii. Must have a constant diameter of no greater than 0.75 inches (19 mm) from a point 3 inches (76.2 mm) above to 3 inches (76.2 mm) below the putting green surface.
- iv. Must not incorporate features, including its material composition, designed to act in a shock absorbing manner or have shock absorbing properties upon impact with the ball.

b. The Flag and Ornamental attachments

- i. Must be of reasonable size and be located near the top of the pole;
- ii. Can indicate but must not measure wind direction and speed; and must not have any other functional purpose other than to aid identification of the location of the hole.

c. Other Attachments.

- i. Attachments to the flag are not permitted;
- ii. Attachments may be permitted more than 3 inches (76.2 mm) below the putting green surface but must be constrained to this area.
- iii. Attachments may be permitted more than 3 inches (76.2 mm) above the putting green surface provided that they meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a. Indicators used to identify the location of the flagstick on the green (i.e., front, middle, back) but must be of a reasonable size;
 - b. Reflectors and similar attachments for use with distance-measuring devices are permitted but must be of a reasonable size;
 - c. Other attachments to the pole other than those specified in a and b must be no greater than 2 inches (50.8 mm) in dimension perpendicular to the pole

Note: Location specifications relative to the putting green surface are based on the flagstick being located correctly in the hole.