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Notice to Manufacturers

Proposed change to the maximum length for clubs other than putters

The USGA and The R&A have announced that new Model Local Rule (MLR G-10) will be available beginning on January 1, 2022 to provide those running professional or elite amateur golf competitions the option of limiting the maximum length of a golf club (excluding putters) to 46 inches.

The proposal was announced in February 2021, which opened a notice-and-comment period to allow the industry the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the equipment rulemaking procedures. The comments received from the golf industry, including players, professional tours and equipment manufacturers, were carefully considered before the decision to proceed with the new MLR was reached.

Comments received regarding this proposal for which we have received permission to publish, are available on www.usga.org.

MLR G-10 Prohibiting Use of Clubs Longer than 46 Inches.

Purpose. To limit the maximum allowable club length, a Committee may choose to adopt a Local Rule which restricts the maximum length for clubs, other than putters, to 46 inches.

A measurement tolerance of 0.20 inches is allowed above 46 inches.

For an explanation of the measurement of a club, see Figure 3 under Part 2.1c of the Equipment Rules.

This Local Rule is recommended for use only in competitions limited to highly skilled players (that is, professional competitions and elite amateur competitions).

For the avoidance of doubt, when this Model Local Rule is in effect, the application of the physical need exception allowing a player to use clubs longer than 46 inches is not available.

Model Local Rule G-10

"In making a *stroke*, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.

**Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule:
Disqualification.**

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these length specifications."