



### URGENT NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

#### **NJSGA CLARIFIES POLICY ON DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: DOWNLOADABLE CELL PHONE / P.D.A. / "BLACKBERRY" APPLICATIONS**

Rule 14-3 states that 'during a stipulated round, a player must not use any artificial device or unusual equipment, or use any equipment in an unusual manner:

- a. That might assist him in making a stroke or in his play; or
- b. For the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play; or
- c. That might assist him in gripping the club, except that:
  - (i) plain gloves may be worn;
  - (ii) resin, powder and drying or moisturizing agents may be used; and
  - (iii) a towel or handkerchief may be wrapped around the grip.

**ALTHOUGH, in NJSGA Events, as per decision 14-3/0.5, players may use devices that measure or gauge DISTANCE ONLY. However, the use of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature) is NOT permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used. PENALTY: Disqualification.**

#### **CLARIFICATION TO LOCAL RULE AND DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED DEVICE:**

**PROHIBITED DEVICES INCLUDE THOSE WHICH ARE UTILIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CELL PHONE, "I-PHONE", "BLACKBERRY", P.D.A., THE LIKE OR ANY OTHER DEVICE WHERE A DISTANCE-MEASURING OR YARDAGE INFORMATION PROGRAM MAY BE DOWNLOADED.**

**A device which possesses any functionality in addition to distance-measuring is a PROHIBITED device. Such functionality cannot be disabled or 'turned-off". The mere presence of additional functionality whether it is used or not renders the device prohibited. PENALTY FOR USE: Disqualification.**

**An example of a prohibited device would be a cell phone or "i-Phone" with a distance-measuring application.**