



## **2025 EQUIPMENT POLICIES**

### **USGA Groove Rule Specifications**

**The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective January 1, 2010) are in effect for the following NJ Golf competitions in 2025:**

- **Four-Ball Championship**
  - **Mid-Amateur Championship**
  - **Amateur Championship**
  - **Open Championship**
  - **Senior Open Championship**
  - **Women's Open Championship**
  - **Women's Amateur**
  - **Women's Mid-Amateur Championships**
- \*This includes each's respective qualifying rounds.**

### **GROOVE CONDITION OF COMPETITION**

In Qualifying and in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010.

The USGA and The R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010 and are permissible for play under the groove condition of competition, which is in effect for the above named NJ Golf Championships. For information about and to access the database, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>. For other information regarding the groove condition, please visit: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>. Finally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed or for any other questions regarding the condition, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300.

**NJ Golf strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled competition. It is the player's responsibility, not NJ Golf's responsibility to ensure that all clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player.** The

Committee is under no obligation to test the club, nor will testing mechanism(s) be available at NJ Golf competitions. The competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.