

How the USGA's new Decision (4-1/1) will affect WDCGA Events

Beginning on 1 January 2010, the United States Golf Association adopted New Groove Specifications+. (Dec. 4-1/1) recommends these new specifications be adopted as a condition of some of its open championships as well as some of its Open qualifiers. Dec. 4-1/1 further recommends the new groove specifications be adopted only for competitions involving the highest level of expert player through 2014. The USGA allows clubs which conformed to the Rules of Golf prior to 1 January 2010 to be used in local and club type events until 2024.

With this in mind, the new groove specifications will not affect any WDCGA events through the 2013 season. The WDCGA is working to determine whether to invoke Dec 4-1/1 at that point.

+Information regarding the new groove standards can be found in the equipment section of the USGA website (www.usga.org).

A listing of the new and revised USGA Decisions is available in PDF form in the WDCGA Rules Corner.