

"Grooved and Slotted Clubs.—Club faces shall not bear any lines, dots, or other markings, made for the obvious purpose of putting a cut on the ball, nor shall they be stamped or cut with lines exceeding 1/16-inch in width, nor less than 3/32 inch apart, measured on their inside edges. Both line and dot markings may be used, either alone or in combination with the above limitations, provided all rough or raised edges are removed.

"Steel Shaft Clubs.—On and after April 12, 1924, the steel shaft club, as now manufactured, and in conformity with samples submitted to the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, may be used in all competitions held under the auspices of the United States Golf Association or subject to its rules and regulations.

"These rulings are now in effect and are applicable to all competitions held under and in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association."

Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

QUESTION.—A "tombstone tournament" was held at our club a few days ago. One of the members participating started at No. 1 tee, playing the first 4 holes in succession. Upon arrival at the 5th tee the member evidently thought that as long as there were so many players ahead it might be impossible to finish before darkness, believing they would have to wait so long at each tee. They then cut back to No. 1 tee again, as the first 4 holes were not at all crowded, playing these first 4 holes over again, then starting in at No. 5 and playing 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 twice. When they finished the last 5 holes they had some strokes left and then started on No. 1. Is a player playing the course in this manner disqualified for not playing 18 consecutive holes? It would appear that if a 9-hole course had two starting points—namely, the 1st and 5th tees—a member participating in a tournament, if starting at No. 1, would have to play right through the full 9, or, if starting at No. 5, would be obligated to finish at No. 5. It does not seem right for a member to play any holes in the manner in which the member played in this instance, without disqualification.

Answer.—The player is disqualified for not playing the stipulated course, which is the 18 consecutive holes.

QUESTION.—In addressing the ball on grass in a ditch, may the club be grounded lightly, as in Rule 15?

Answer.—If the ball lies on grass in a ditch it is evidently within the confines of the hazard and is therefore part of the hazard and the club may not be grounded in any case. See Rule 25.

BENEFITS FROM CONTINUOUS MOWING.—We have found that continuous cutting does much toward improving fairway conditions, when one club can not afford to top-dress fairways with compost or loam of the proper kind. Constant cutting during the growing season helps the grass to tiller out and fine up and fill in the holes, which to a great extent eliminates cuppy lies. From our eight years' experience we are convinced that a poor golf club should spend its money for cutting equipment, which is cheaper than loaming fairways to improve them.—*W. R. Hurd, 2d., United Shoe Machinery Athletic Association, Beverly, Mass.*