

The Association has consistently disapproved clubs which were susceptible to adjustment by a player in the course of a round.

It will be recognized, however, that all clubs are capable of some form of alteration or adjustment in a golf shop, and the Rule is not intended to prohibit this. Therefore, the Association has approved clubs which, though technically capable of adjustment, are not, in fact, capable of easy adjustment by the player in the course of a round.

There is a clear distinction in principle here, although the decision on a particular club may require experienced interpretation.

Play on Frozen Greens

Occasionally an argument springs up around the fireplace in a northern clubhouse concerning the advisability of playing golf on frozen greens. Our Green Section informs Member Clubs that it is perfectly safe to play on frozen greens. As far as the turf is concerned, the only dangerous period occurs when the surface inch or so has thawed and there is frozen soil below. In this period, golfers can do damage that will be noticed for an entire season.

The Golfer in the White House

We have a little inside information on the golf game of President Eisenhower, the first golfing President since Coolidge and the most enthusiastic since Harding. He first played serious golf in the Philippines in the Thirties but abandoned it before World War II to favor a bad arm and did not take it up again until 1946. His best recent scores were an 84 at the Cherry Hills Country Club, in Denver, and an 81 at the Blind Brook Club, in Port Chester, N. Y. He normally drives 225 to 230 yards, and he excels with short irons and wedge. He is reported to be a particularly astute adversary on the first tee, before the match starts.

If Eisenhower can find the time to play, he undoubtedly will be the best golfer

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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

To THE USGA:

Realizing the great honor of winning the Women's Amateur Championship and the responsibility of amateurism that accompanies this victory and wanting to play a lot of golf with very little funds to do so makes me regretfully feel it wise to become a professional. My heartfelt thanks to the USGA for their great courtesy and encouragement upon which I shall ever depend.

MRS. JACKIE PUNG
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To THE USGA:

I've been sitting here for a half-hour, looking at this blank page and trying to figure out how I would word this letter. There are so many things I want to say, and yet I want to word it rightly.

I started playing golf when I was 9 years old. In my first tournament, which was our city championship, I qualified with the highest score of the tournament, 103. Little did I know then that one day I would be playing in the finals of the Amateur Championship of the United States and the Amateur Championship of Mexico in the same year. Yes, a lot has happened since I played in my first tournament. My love for the game of golf has grown through these years to the point that I know I can't live away from the game. I know that if I don't devote my life to the game and to the people who play it, I won't be happy. I feel that, with this attitude toward the game, I can do more for the game of golf as a professional than an amateur.

As you know now, I have decided to turn professional. Ever since I took up golf I wanted to be a great golfer. I had looked forward to the day when I might be an Amateur Champion and play on the Walker Cup Team. I realize now that I have the chance, but rather than wait until after the Walker Cup Match is over to turn professional, I want to do the ethical thing. Since I am contemplating professional golf as my future career, I want the USGA to be the first to know it.

I'd rather be remembered as a golfer who was a credit to the game of golf than a Champion who won many titles and did nothing for the game. Let me end with that statement, because it expresses my feelings more than anything else I can say.

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