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# Memo

To: Regional Chairmen  
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From: Emma Lowe

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Re: Distance measuring devices

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The EWGA Operational Board has decided that, with effect from 1 January 2012, distance measuring devices (DMDS) will be allowed in all EWGA competitions and championships.

Over the past year the Operational Board has received many questions from clubs asking why DMDS were not allowed in all EWGA competitions and, specifically, why men could use them when women could not.

We found there were many situations which could be confusing for players. For example, competitors were allowed to use DMDS in the club qualifying rounds of some EWGA events, but not if they progressed to the regional and national finals.

In addition, many order of merit events in England and overseas allowed their use, while other competition organisers took the same stance as the EWGA and restricted their use.

Having taken everything into consideration the Operational Board has decided that the correct way forward is to allow the use of DMDS in all EWGA events, with immediate effect.

We understand that some counties have been allowing their use for some time but it is still the case that individual counties must make their own decision about the use of DMDS in their events and it is entirely up to them to decide whether or not to follow the EWGA line.

Regards

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