

# GREEN-READING MATERIALS

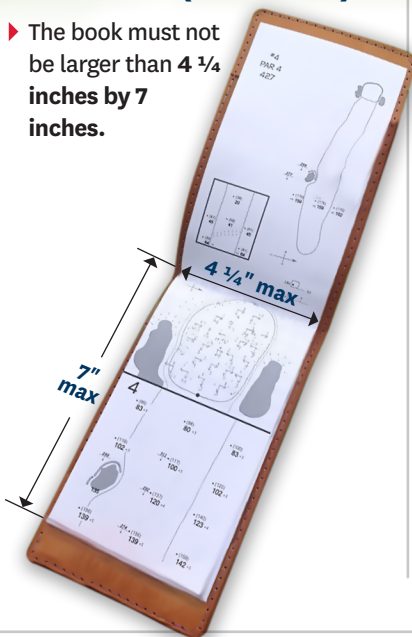
4 steps to see how and when a yardage or green book may be used  
when neither Model Local Rule G-11 nor G-12 are in effect

- 1 Will the book be used to help read the line of play on the putting green when playing from on the putting green?**



- 2 SIZE LIMIT (4 1/4" X 7")**

- ▶ The book must not be larger than **4 1/4 inches by 7 inches**.



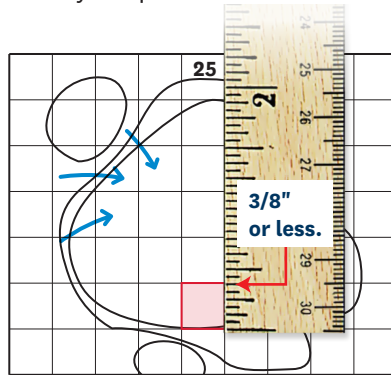
- 3 SCALE LIMIT (1:480)**

- ▶ Any printed image of a putting green in the book must not be larger than the scale limit.

## HOW TO CHECK:

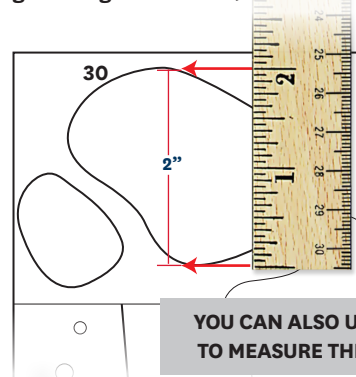
### 5 Yard Grid Method

Many books use green images that have 5-yard grids. To meet the scale limit, each 5-yard square must be **3/8" or less**.



### Green Depth Measure Method

If the book does not have 5-yard grids, measure the green depth at any of the examples below. If it is **at the given length or shorter**, it is within the scale limit.



- ▶ 20 yards = 1 1/2"
- ▶ 25 yards = 1 7/8"
- ▶ 30 yards = 2 1/4"
- ▶ 35 yards = 2 5/8"
- ▶ 40 yards = 3"
- ▶ 45 yards = 3 3/8"

**YOU CAN ALSO USE THIS METHOD TO MEASURE THE GREEN WIDTH.**

- 4 HANDWRITTEN NOTES**

HANDWRITTEN NOTES MUST ONLY BE:

**Made by the player using it, or by any of the following:**

- ▶ the player's caddie
- ▶ the partner or partner's caddie
- ▶ the advice giver (in team competitions)

**AND**

- ▶ on a piece of paper that meets the **SIZE LIMIT** (see step 2).



If the answer to Step 1 is **YES** and a player uses materials to read the line of play on the putting green that do not satisfy Steps 2, 3 or 4, the player is in **breach of Rule 4.3a**.

Model Local Rules G-11 and G-12 place further limitations on the use of green-reading material. If either Local Rule is in effect, please refer to that Local Rule for its limitations.

These steps can also be used to determine how materials may be accessed on an electronic device (such as a smartphone).  
For more information, including frequently asked questions on the use of green-reading materials, visit [WWW.USGA.ORG/GRM](http://WWW.USGA.ORG/GRM)