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RULE OF THE MONTH

January, 2010

14-3. Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment

14-3/13 Hand Warmer

Q. A player uses a device to warm his hands during a round. Is the player in breach of Rule 14-3?

A. No. Although a hand warmer is an artificial device, its use to warm the hands is traditionally accepted, and Exception 2 to Rule 14-3 applies. (Revised)

14-3/13.5 Golf Ball Artificially Warmed

Q. Is the use of a golf ball that was purposely warmed during a stipulated round with a golf ball warmer, hand warmer or any such device a breach of Rule 14-3?

A. Yes. Use of a ball that has been purposely warmed during a stipulated round with an artificial device constitutes a breach of Rule 14-3. However, it would not be a breach of Rule 14-3 to use a ball that was artificially warmed prior to the stipulated round.
(Revised)

Breach of Rule 14-3 is disqualification!