

WEDGES WITH U-SHAPED GROOVES

WEDGES WITH U-SHAPED GROOVES ARE **NOT BANNED** FROM WCGT TOURNAMENTS AND WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL AT LEAST 2014 AND MAY CONTINUE TO BE ALLOWED UNTIL AS LATE AS 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH USGA RULES.

Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010

Condition of Competition (Rule 4-1):

“The player’s clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

*Exception: Clubs manufactured before March 31, 1990 that meet the criteria of USGA Decision USGA/4-1/100, such as the Ping Eye 2 irons, will be permitted for play when the above Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 is in effect.”

USGA Decision 4-1/1

“A Committee that wishes to limit players to clubs manufactured with grooves and/or punch marks that conform to all aspects of the Rules of Golf, including those that are effective from January 1, 2010, may adopt the condition of competition detailed above. Between January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2014, it is recommended that this condition of competition be adopted ***only for competitions involving the highest level of expert player. After January 1, 2014, this condition of competition may be adopted more widely (e.g., at the highest level of amateur golf), but it is recommended only for competitions involving expert players.***”(emphasis added)