IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

To: All Entrants

Application of Groove Condition in R&A Championships

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the condition requiring clubs to conform to the 2010 groove and punch mark specifications will be in effect at all R&A Championships from 1 January 2014*, including all qualifying events applicable to those Championships. The full details of this condition can be found in Decision 4-1/1 of *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* and it is applicable to all clubs, apart from drivers and putters.

Prior to 2014, the condition was only in effect at The Open Championship, International Final Qualifying and Local Final Qualifying. However, from 2014 onwards, the condition will also be in effect at The Amateur Championship, The Seniors Open Amateur Championship, The Boys Amateur Championship and at Regional Qualifying for The Open Championship.
(*It will not be in effect at the Junior Open Championship.)

The R&A strongly suggests that all players verify the status of their clubs against this condition well in advance of the event being entered and in order to assist with that process, the following provisions have been put in place:

1. A searchable database of pre-2010 models of clubs is on The R&A's website at the following link: http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs.aspx. Please note that new models of clubs submitted to the governing bodies on or after 1 January 2010 are not currently included in the database and such clubs are required to meet the 2010 groove specifications by the Rules of Golf. If you have a new model of club which was manufactured after 1 January 2010, but would like some reassurance that it does meet the new specifications, please contact The R&A's Equipment Standards department (see details below).

2. Guidance on how to interpret the search results and other general information can be found at the following link: http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs/Groove-Rules-Explained.aspx

3. The R&A's Equipment Standards department will be available to answer any questions you might have on this issue - particularly if your club does not appear on the database or if it is listed as 'ATR' (Additional Testing Required). In such cases, players are encouraged to complete and return the attached form as soon as possible and a member of staff will contact you.

4. For clubs which need to be tested in order to ascertain their status, The R&A offer a test service out of its Equipment Standards office in St Andrews. Using the contact details noted below you may request further details of this service.

5. A test service will also be available on-site at the following R&A Championships throughout 2014 – The Amateur Championship, The Seniors Open Amateur Championship and The Boys Amateur Championship.

All queries should be directed to The R&A's Equipment Standards department on 01334 460000 or by email to clairebates@randa.org.

CLUB INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form and return to the following address if you are in any doubt as to whether your clubs meet the 2010 Groove Rules:
Claire Bates, The R&A, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9JD
(clairebates@randa.org)

On receipt of this form, you will be contacted with information and/or advice.

Name:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Championship being entered:	
Qualifying event:	

FAIRWAY WOODS / HYBRIDS

Manufacturer Name	Model Name (include key markings on head – sole, back, hosel etc)	Loft	Year of manufacture	Database Status (Circle as applicable)	
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed

IRON SETS / ODD IRONS

Manufacturer Name	Model Name (include key markings on head – sole, back, hosel etc)	Clubs	Year of manufacture	Database Status (Circle as applicable)	
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed

WEDGES

Manufacturer Name	Model Name (include key markings on head – sole, back, hosel etc)	Lofts/ Bounces	Year of manufacture	Database Status (Circle as applicable)	
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed
				ATR	Not listed