



## Green-Reading Materials

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### Interpretation on Putting Green Information (PROPOSED: DRAFT AS OF 31 JULY 2018)

The reading of a player's line of play on the putting green is a skill that is essential to the challenge of the game. Therefore, there are limits placed on the amount of information that is allowed in putting green maps.

General information that is included in traditional yardage books or course guides, such as basic illustrations that show the outline of the putting green and include indicative information like the tops of ridges or general slopes, is permitted. This amount of information is not considered to remove or reduce this challenge as the player and caddie's skill and judgment are still required to interpret the subtle features and slopes, especially in the area immediately around the hole.

However, more detailed and sophisticated maps of the putting green that include information on subtle features and slopes through the inclusion of many directional arrows, contour lines or numerical slope indicators, do reduce this challenge and are, therefore, not permitted.

#### Published Materials

The player is allowed to use a putting green map or other putting green information except that it must:

- Only depict slope of 4 percent or greater (this includes the use of lines, arrows, numbers or any other indicators)
- Be limited to a scale of 3/8 inch to 5 yards (1:480) or smaller

In digital form, the material must not be adaptive (meaning it must be fixed) and in particular, it must not produce a recommended line of play based on the player's ball and the hole.

#### Handwritten Notes

A player or caddie is allowed to include their handwritten notes on any map or within any other pre-produced material that provides information on the putting green. While the use of notes is generally not limited, they must not result in a copy or facsimile of a detailed green map (in full or in part) that does not meet the requirements in this interpretation.

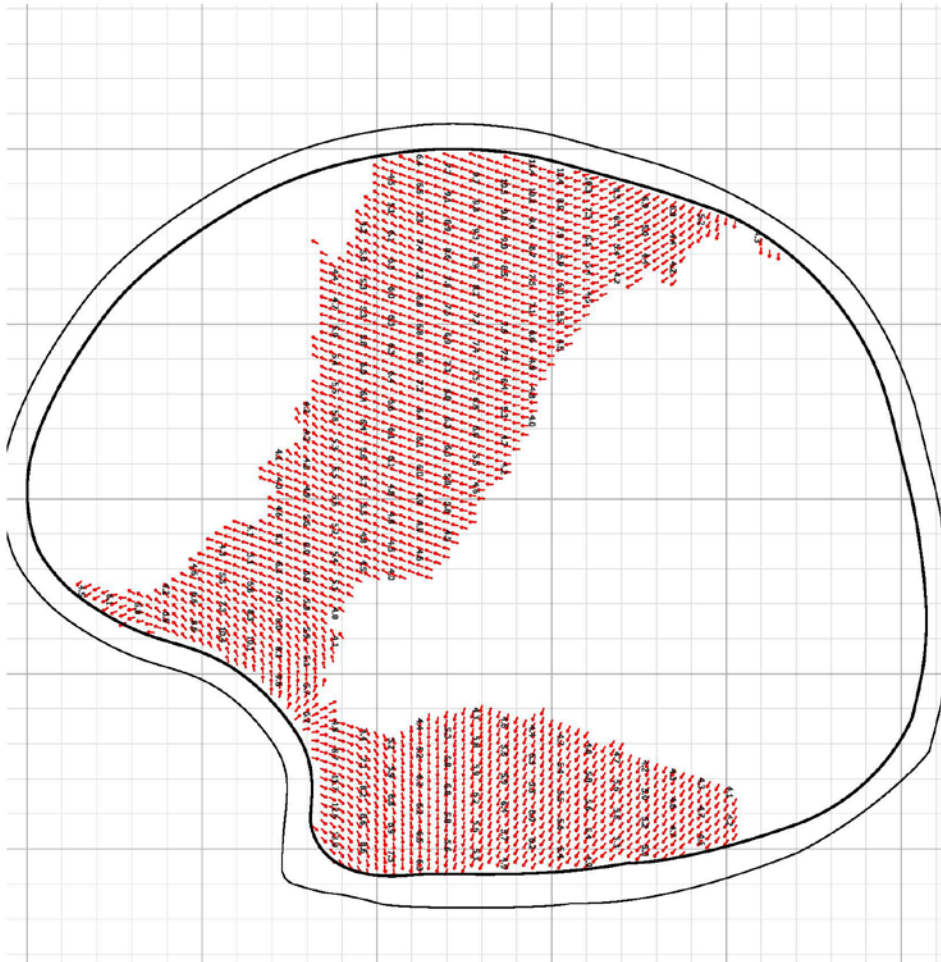
Examples include:

- Any handwritten notes may provide additional indicative information (as permitted in traditional yardage books and course guides) but must not trace contour lines or directly copy specific directional arrows or numerical slope indicators; and
- Any handwritten notes created by a player or caddie using a level must not provide any indicators of slopes less than 4%, as this would be a "facsimile" of a detailed green map that does not meet the requirements in this interpretation.

Developers or manufacturers that produce yardage books, course guides or images of more detailed green maps are encouraged to consult with the R&A OR USGA and submit a sample of their product to ensure that it complies with the requirements above.

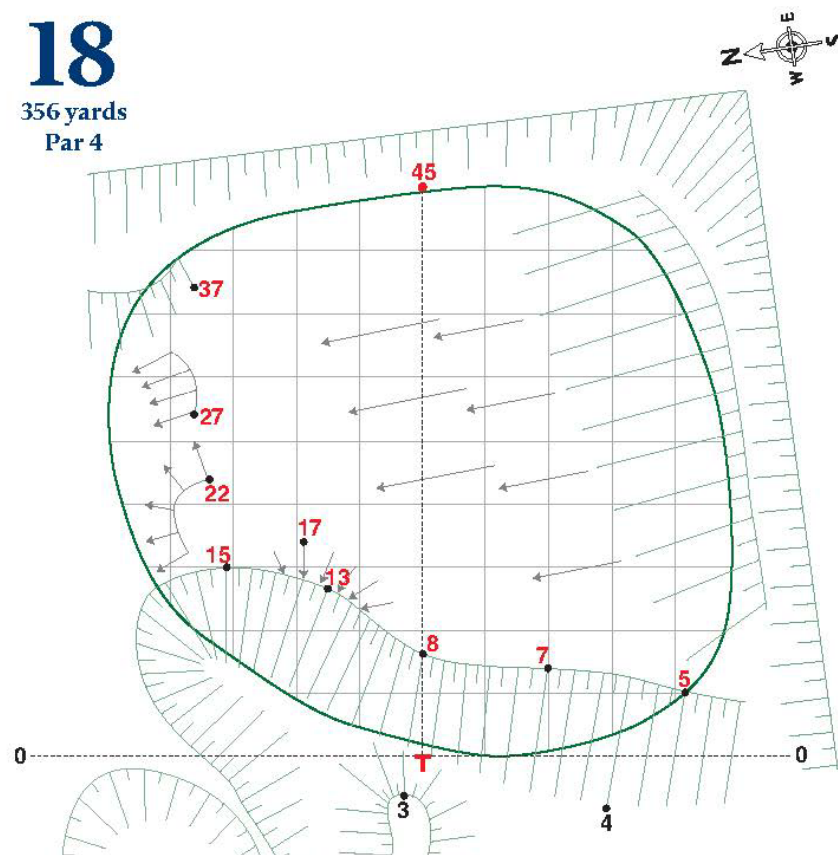
## GREEN MAP WITH SLOPE INDICATORS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 PERCENT – ALLOWED

The below sample depicts a green map that includes an allowable level of detail that is equal to or greater than 4 percent slope.



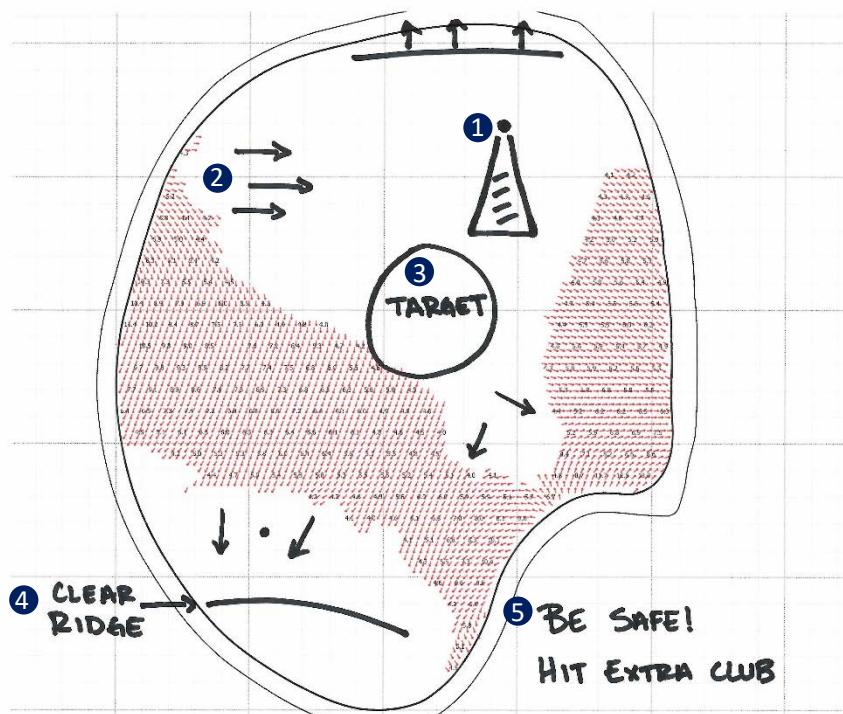
## TRADITIONAL YARDAGE BOOK – ALLOWED

The below sample depicts a traditional yardage book or course guide that includes a basic illustration and indicative information such as the tops of ridges and general slopes.



## HANDWRITTEN NOTES – ALLOWED

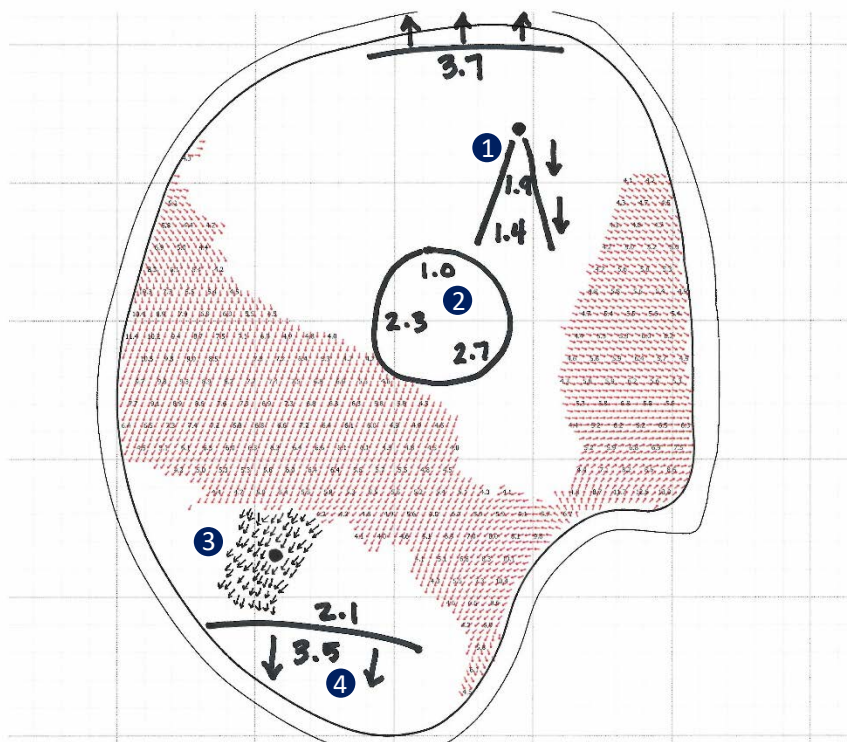
The below sample includes examples of the types of general handwritten notes that are **allowed** to be included on a green map.



1	A target line to indicate a desired location to putt to a specific hole location
2	Arrows to indicate the general slope of an area on the putting green
3	A target area to focus on for an approach shot
4	Text to describe a feature on the putting green
5	General text, such as swing thoughts or reminders on strategy

## HANDWRITTEN NOTES – NOT ALLOWED

The below sample includes examples of handwritten notes that are **not allowed** to be included on a green map because they include information that would otherwise not be allowed by interpretation.



①	A target line with slope readings included
②	A target area with slope readings included
③	Detailed arrows that produce a copy or facsimile of a detailed green map
④	Slope readings included with an indicator of the top of a slope