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## Hickory Event Conditions of Play Effective from 1 April 2021

### Clubs Permitted for Open Competition **2021**

#### Category 1 - ANTIQUE (Original)

##### Wooden Headed Golf Clubs, with plain wooden shafts:

- Must have heads manufactured before 1935.
- Shafts may be repaired or replaced with an old or new wooden shaft.
- Must have a 'leather wrap' grip.
- No "slip on" grips allowed
- Weight may be added to the head.
- **RETROFITTED CLUBS.** – This category was created for clubs that were made PRIOR to Dec. 31, 1934. Any wood headed club offered for sale prior to 1935, regardless of shaft material originally installed at time of manufacture may be retrofitted with a wooden shaft and be permitted for play in AGHS sanctioned events.

Players may be required to establish – independently or through the retrofitter or seller of these clubs – that the heads were indeed offered before 1935. No golf club made after Jan. 1, 1935 will be allowed in this category.

##### Iron Headed Golf Clubs, with plain wooden shafts:

- Must have heads manufactured before 1935.
- Heads may be re fitted using modern glue.
- Shafts may be repaired or replaced with an old or new wooden shaft.
- Must have a 'leather wrap' grip.
- No "slip on" grips allowed
- Weight may be added to the head.

**Putters with plain wooden shafts:**

- Must have heads manufactured before 1935.
- Heads may be re fitted using modern glue.
- Shafts may be repaired or replaced with an old or new wooden shaft.
- Must have a 'leather wrap' grip.
- No "slip on" grips allowed
- Weight may be added to the head.

**Category 2 – REPLICA (Reproduction)****Wooden Headed, Iron Headed & Putter Golf Clubs:**

- The clubs must be made to replicate, as nearly as possible, clubs that were made prior to 1935.
- All Replica clubs must conform to the SoHG list of approved clubs as detailed on their web site <https://www.hickorygolfers.com/hickory-golf-equipment-guidelines/equipment-guidelines-modern-era-events/>
- The AGHS Committee will be the sole judge as to permitted clubs and their decision will be final.
- Shafts must be of a wooden material.
- Must have a "leather wrap" grip
- No "slip ons" grips allowed
- Weight may be added to the head
- It will be left to the Player's integrity to nominate they have a Category 2 club/s in their bag.

**Players' Eligibility for Category 1 or 2**

- Singles event
  - If a player is carrying in their bag a Category 2 club (regardless of being a sole item) they will be deemed to be competing in Category 2
- Foursomes / Ambrose event
  - Players may use combination of Categories in the event.

**Distance Measuring Devices**

- These devices are not permitted in any AGHS event.

**Golf Balls:**

- Any ball approved by the R&A or USGA may be used. It is recommended to use the 'softer' compression types to minimise wooden head damage.
- There may be events where specific balls must be used. This requirement will be detailed in the event's Entry Form.

**Explanatory Notes:**

- It is understood that golf clubs manufactured prior to 1935 may not be in particularly good condition and need different levels of repair and maintenance.
- The above guidelines make it possible for the owner of these clubs to do his/her own repairs and maintenance, if he/she wishes to do so, without further expenditure.
- Generally, any repair or renovation that would have been performed prior to 1935 is acceptable.
- It should be noted that preference will be given to financial members of AGHS & HGQ when accepting entries for AGHS events.