

Where this grass is found invading putting greens it should be weeded out by hand and never allowed to produce ripe seeds. In the fairways and rough it may be allowed to grow taller, until the seed heads are formed, and then cut while the seed heads are still green; this should effectively prevent its seeding and thus reappearing the following year. For cutting the grass at this height a scythe or mowing machine may be found necessary. In areas where the infestation is heavy, the foxtail should be kept constantly mowed. Its presence, especially if it is abundant, may with a degree of certainty be attributed to the use of fresh manure or to a lack of sufficient fertilization of a suitable character. Seed heads of yellow foxtail are rather abundant in many kinds of hay, and in this way may be introduced on a golf course through the use of fresh manure. Manure a year old may however be used with reasonable safety. Furthermore, where turf is kept well fertilized and watered, thus affording conditions under which the desirable turf grasses may thrive, the yellow foxtail will to a large extent be crowded out.

Although the grass may not in itself be objectionable in the rough, yet it should not be allowed to remain anywhere on a golf course, as from the rough it will spread to the fairways and greens.

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### **Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf**

On the twelfth hole are white stakes indicating an area out-of-bounds, between the twelfth and fourteenth fairways, between which fairways are rough and water. Player A drove over the white stakes and beyond them into the fourteenth fairway, which is parallel. He claimed that his ball on the fourteenth fairway was not out of bounds. Player B claimed to the contrary. Which player was correct?

Decision.—Under definition 8, "Out-of-bounds is all ground on which play is prohibited." In this case the player's ball rested on playable ground and was therefore not out of bounds. It is obvious that the intent of the stakes placed between the two holes was to mark out certain ground on which play was prohibited.

Is there a rule prohibiting a player's playing with a golf professional in the qualifying round of a golf tournament?

Decision.—Section 2 of Rule 1 under Special Rules for Stroke Competitions covers this point. "Competitors shall play in couples" means that a competitor must play with another competitor; and unless there is no such partner for the player and special permission has been given to play with a marker (professional) before starting, the player is disqualified.

In a championship match play are players privileged to stop play until the following day in case it begins to rain after the match is in progress and a number of holes have been played? Is there anything which may delay or stop a match already begun and not result in a default?

Decision.—Provided the competition is not delayed and both competitors have given their consent, the match may be postponed.