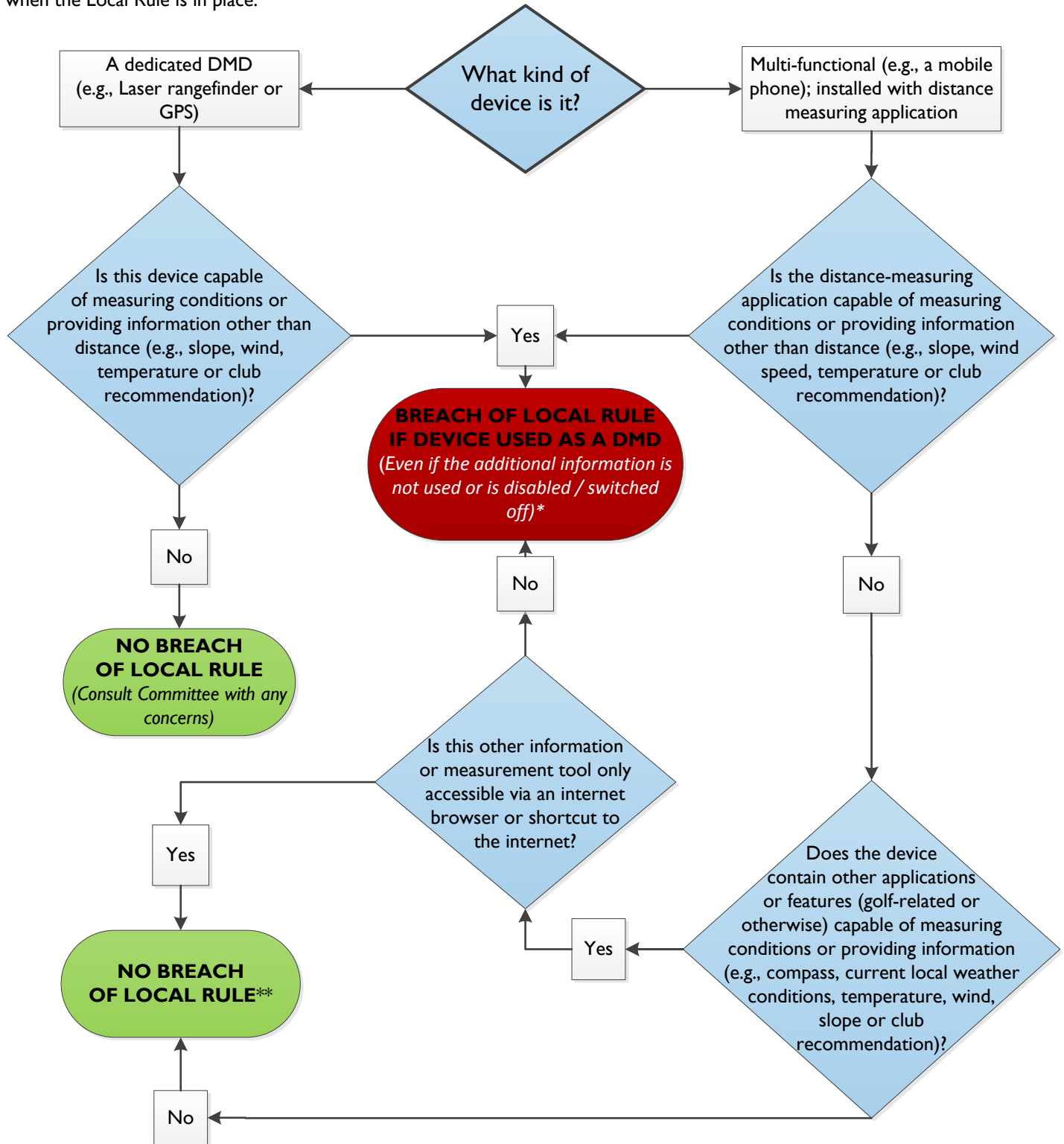


CAN I USE MY DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)?

Rule 14-3 prohibits the use of DMDs. However, a Committee or Golf Club may introduce a Local Rule permitting the use of devices which are capable of measuring distance, and distance only. The use of any DMD (a) when the Local Rule is not in place, or (b) which is capable of measuring conditions or providing information that might assist the player in his play other than distance, would be a breach of Rule 14-3, the penalty for which is disqualification.

This flowchart is designed to help golfers and/or Officials determine the status of a particular device for use as a DMD – when the Local Rule is in place.



*Device may still be usable as a communication or reference tool (e.g., to make a phone call or access the Rules of Golf application) as long as this action does not take the player to information which would be in breach of the Rules if used.

**Accessing other information or measurement tools via an internet browser may breach Rule 14-3; e.g., accessing the current wind and temperature conditions at the location being played. If a weather application is active on the home page and the device is accessed for any reason, then the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Moreover, the use of a multi-functional device for other reasons, e.g., watching or listening to a broadcast of the competition being played, may be a breach of the Rules (see Decision 14-3/16 and 14-3/17 for details).