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Decision: 2011- 144

This is in reference to the **Black Swan** putter, received on January 31, 2011, which you submitted for an official ruling. This is a standard-length, oversized mallet-style putter, approximately seven inches in length from heel to toe, with a semi-circular appendage extending from the back.

Please be advised that the putter, as submitted, has been evaluated and it has been determined that it conforms to the Rules of Golf. However, please submit any modifications to the existing design (including hosel design, significant shaft length variations, shaft angle, etc.) for an official ruling.

This ruling applies only to the sample submitted and any clubs manufactured identical to it. This ruling does not apply if there is any change in the design, manufacture, material or construction of this particular club. If a club of similar design, with identical markings is acquired from any source and found to fail USGA standards, then the conformance status of the club will be reviewed.

In advertisements of the **Black Swan** putter, you are authorized to make the statement: "**Conforms with USGA Rules.**" Use of the USGA seal or logo, and/or statements such as "USGA Approved" or "USGA Tested" is prohibited.

We are retaining the sample as a record of this decision.

The USGA reserves the right to change the Rules and interpretations regulating equipment at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Rugge".

Dick Rugge
Senior Technical Director

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cc: Michael Butz

