

Rule Tip of the Week

GOLFGLU

If you happened to go to the PGA Show this year and stopped by Booth 3535, some young ladies probably got your attention and told you about a new product called GolfGlu with its slogan “Stick it to the Fairway”.

GolfGlu claims that it gives you a straighter and more consistent drive every time. You simply apply some GolfGlu to your club face and/or your golf ball to see the results.

Watch out! Before you order a display case full of GolfGlu, be forewarned that the use of this product is not permitted by the Rules! Rule 4-2b [Clubs - Foreign Material] states “*Foreign material must not be applied to the club face for the purpose of influencing the movement of the ball.*”

If you were to apply GolfGlu to the club face of your driver, you would incur a loss of hole penalty in match play, or a two stroke penalty in stroke play. Moreover, Rule 4-2 requires that, upon discovery of the breach, you immediately declare that club out of play. If you were to use your driver, or if you did not declare your driver out of play immediately upon discovery of the breach, you would be disqualified!!

Besides the prohibition of Rule 4-2, Rule 5-2 [The Ball - Foreign Material] notes that “*Foreign material must not be applied to a ball for the purpose of changing its playing characteristics.*” The penalty for a breach of this Rule is disqualification.

