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Mr. Patrick O'Hara  
Distance Tee  
1355 Ahlstrom Road East  
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Dear Mr. O'Hara:

Decision: 2008- 1395

This is in reference to the **D-Tee**, received on December 18, 2008, which you submitted for an official ruling. This is a plastic tee with a broad, blade-like tee peg, approximately .45" in width.

Please be advised that the tee, as submitted, has been evaluated and it has been determined that it conforms to the Rules of Golf. Please note that our current guidelines restrict the width of such a tee design to .5".

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

In advertisements of the **D-Tee**, 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 samples as a record of this decision.

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

Sincerely,

Dick Ruggie  
Senior Technical Director

DR: lg

cc: James T. Bunch, Chairman of the Rules Committee  
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