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Mr. James A. Hackenberg
Jimmy Hack Golf
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Dear Mr. Hackenberg:

Decision: 2008- 595

This is in reference to the **Orange Whip Trainer**, received on May 28, 2008, which you submitted for an official ruling. This is a swing training device consisting of a weighted ball attached to the end of a flexible shaft.

Please be advised that the training device, as submitted, does not conform with Rule 14-3a of the Rules of Golf. Use of the **Orange Whip Trainer** during a *stipulated round*, for other than stretching, is not permitted (e.g., swinging the device). However, a player is permitted to carry the device in his golf bag.

If you decide to modify the design and submit a modified sample for further consideration, please ensure that the sample contains markings that distinguish it from the sample referred to in this letter.

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

I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have with regard to the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dick Rugge".

Dick Rugge
Senior Technical Director

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Enclosures

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