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USGA Amends Proposal To Limit Clubhead Size

Far Hills, N.J. – The United States Golf Association has amended its proposal, announced on Dec. 19, 2001, to place restrictions for the first time on clubhead size. The USGA now proposes to set the maximum size of clubheads at 460 cubic centimeters (cc) plus and additional 10 cc to account for differences in manufacturing processes and measurement variations.

"I'd like to stress that our initial proposal was just that, a proposal," said Dick Rugge, USGA senior technical director. "We indicated that we were open-minded about these issues and would listen to all viewpoints. We have done so in the past few weeks. It became apparent that our original proposed maximum (385cc) would place undue effect on the golf club industry and market during the period just before the PGA Merchandise Show later this month. We believe that our revised proposal mitigates such an effect."

The Association continues to solicit feedback and comments from all interested parties regarding its clubhead size proposal until Feb. 19. The USGA will carefully consider all information presented before making a final ruling on the issue. Limits on head size will be effective immediately upon final adoption of the size standard.

Written comments or questions concerning this matter should be directed to Dick Rugge at USGA, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, N.J. 07931; fax: 908-234-0138, or drugge@usga.org.