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NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS

SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES FOR 1992

At a Joint USGA/R&A Rules Committee meeting on April 17, 1991, certain Rules changes, proposed by the Implements and Ball Committees, were approved. If these changes are ratified by the USGA Executive Committee and R&A membership, they will become effective on January 1, 1992.

The significant changes may be summarized as follows:

Under Rule 4-1a. General

Limited adjustability will be permitted in the design of putters.

Under Rule 4-1e. Club Face

The restriction with regard to insets or face material on metal clubs will be eliminated, but face material which unduly influences the movement of the ball will not be permitted.

Under Appendix II 4-1c

If a putter has two grips, both of the grips will have to be circular in cross-section. However, putters which do not conform with this Rule may continue to be used until December 31st, 1992.

The full text of the changes will be available shortly after the changes are ratified (probably in late September, 1991).

The effect of changes to Rules which govern equipment are continually being monitored and it should be emphasized that the USGA and R&A have the right to change the Rules, and interpretations of the Rules, at any time.

Manufacturers are advised that they should submit new designs to the USGA prior to marketing any product, and especially any product whose design may be affected by the changes mentioned above.

For further general information please contact the undersigned.

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