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Notice to Manufacturers

USGA spring-like effect conformance determination regarding non-submitted loft models of a partially submitted series of drivers

The USGA will continue to ask manufacturers to submit all of the loft models in any series of driving clubs which is to be tested for conformance with standards governing spring-like effect. If, after request by the USGA, one or more loft models have not been submitted by the manufacturer to the USGA for testing, the USGA will test the model or models that have been submitted. Based on the measured readings of the submitted models, the following policy will be applied:

- If the COR reading of any of the samples submitted exceeds the conforming limit by .016 (meaning greater than 0.838), the non-submitted loft models in that series will be added to the list of non-conforming drivers until such time that their actual values can be measured.
- If the COR of all the clubs in a series which have been submitted measures less than 0.838, the remaining non-submitted clubs in that series will not be added to the list of non-conforming drivers until such time that their actual values can be measured and determined to be non-conforming.

The USGA will continue to attempt to obtain non-submitted loft models from the manufacturer or, in exceptional circumstances, by purchase from commercial sources in an expedient manner. Once these loft models have been obtained, their COR will be measured and those specific loft models will receive a ruling based upon their actual tested value.

The above procedure does not prevent any club being tested at any time if there is any reason to believe that there may be a significant difference in its COR measurement compared to the original sample submitted.