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Notice to Manufacturers

**Golf Club and Other Equipment Submission Charges**

We would like to inform you that effective January 1, 2020, the fee structure for submission of golf clubs and other equipment, not including golf balls, will change. As many of you recall, the USGA began charging for these types of submissions on April 1, 2009 to help with the cost of our conformance evaluation service to manufacturers. While the USGA will continue to fund a substantial amount of the costs necessary to efficiently run the Equipment Standards operation, our costs have increased and, as a result, an increase in the rates adopted over ten years ago is needed to maintain that balance.

Below, please find the modified fee structure:

**Conformance Decisions<sup>1</sup> (Production Sample)**

Woods	\$ 200 each
Hybrids	\$ 200 each
Iron Sets	\$ 700 per set
Individual Iron/Wedge	\$ 200 each
Putters	\$ 100 each
Wedges (Groups of 4 to 10)	\$ 700 per group
Other (tees, gloves, shoes, device, etc.)	\$ 100 each

**Preliminary Conformance Assessment<sup>2</sup> (Prototypes and First Articles)**

Woods	\$ 100 each
Hybrids	\$ 100 each
Iron Cross-Section (e.g., 3, 6 and 9)	\$ 200 per sample set
Iron Sets	\$ 350 per set
Individual Iron/Wedge	\$ 75 each
Putters	\$ 50 each
Wedges (Groups of 4 or less)	\$ 200 per group
Wedges (Groups of 5 to 10)	\$ 350 per group
Other (tees, gloves, shoes, device, etc.)	\$ 50 each

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<sup>1</sup> Includes a certificate stating conformance, non-conformance, breach or no breach of the Equipment Rules and, if conforming or no breach, permission to state that it conforms with the Rules of Golf or is permissible under the Rules of Golf.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a communication advising whether there are any Rules of Golf and/or Equipment Rules concerns.



**Test Service**

Woods	\$ 100 each
Hybrids	\$ 100 each
Iron sets	\$ 350 per set
Individual Iron/Wedge	\$ 100 each
Putters	\$ 50 each
Wedges (Groups of 4 to 10)	\$ 350 per group
Other (tees, gloves, shoes, device, etc.)	\$ 50 each

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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