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To: **ALL MANUFACTURERS**

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### **Golf Ball Submissions and Listing**

In response to unsolicited feedback received from various golf ball manufacturers in recent years, The R&A and the USGA are in the early stages of considering certain proposals to update the current process for golf ball submissions and listing. The purpose of this update would be to reflect a growing number of requests for more flexibility within the system to accommodate developments, innovations and common practices which have no effect on the performance of a golf ball, but which are currently hindered by guidelines and processes which have been in place for many years.

In particular, the issues under consideration relate to ball cover colour, the composition and style of identification markings and the incorporation of logos. It is possible that any changes may be accompanied by an associated change in the testing fee structure. Any future changes are, in part, made possible by a recent update to the database used by The R&A and the USGA to log and administer golf ball submissions. However, before any changes are made, we would like to gauge the reaction of all manufacturers.

In order for The R&A and the USGA to further consider these proposals, we request that manufacturers complete the questionnaire contained in the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GolfballSubmissions>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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