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Letter to Stakeholders Regarding the Annual Driving Distance Report

Since the publication of the first Distance Report in 2016, the Annual Driving Distance Report (ADDR) has been jointly produced by R&A Rules Limited (“The R&A”), and the United States Golf Association (“USGA”). Its primary purpose has been to provide an objective account of driving distance levels and trends across major professional tours, using the data kindly supplied by these tours to provide insight into the metrics used by the governing bodies to monitor driving distance.

Over time, the report has evolved to include additional information relevant to stakeholders in the golf community. Concurrently, The R&A and USGA have adapted their processes to reflect changes in the availability and quality of source data. On occasion, updates to the data provided by third-party sources after publication have required the revision of figures in subsequent reports.

The R&A and the USGA are currently working with key stakeholders to identify and implement changes to the ADDR that will be reflected in the 2025 ADDR. The goals of this review are to:

- Ensure the consistent application of best practices in data collection and reporting across all organizations,
- Maintain a focus on metrics of primary interest to the golf community, and
- Advance transparency in how data are collected, analyzed, and reported.

To reinforce this commitment to transparency, the 2024 ADDR includes a new section that clearly outlines the methods and processes used to develop the report. This additional section aims to provide stakeholders with a deeper understanding of how The R&A and USGA maintain consistency and integrity in their reporting practices.

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