



NOTICE

Subject: Spring-Like Effect

Rule 4-1e in Appendix II states, **"The material and construction of the face shall not have the effect at impact of a spring, or impart significantly more spin to the ball than a standard steel face, or have any other effect which would unduly influence the movement of the ball."**

The USGA staff has developed a test procedure for the purposes of measuring a spring-like effect (enhanced rebound velocity) in driving clubs. The base line against which the magnitude of this effect is measured will be a metal test plate which represents the structural design of the face of a typical modern driver.

A test protocol will be distributed to you in about three weeks, at which time you will have 60 days in which to provide written comments.

All interested persons are invited to Golf House in late September to discuss and provide input, in an open forum, regarding the test procedure that the staff has proposed.

Following the open forum, the Executive Committee will evaluate the written materials submitted and the oral presentations made, and determine what test procedure should be used in enforcing the Rule.

Yours sincerely,

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