

Golf ball “roll-back” rule explained

From 2028, major new regulations are set to be introduced by the R&A and USGA to reduce the distance golf balls travel, aiming to preserve the integrity of golf courses and promote sustainability

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KEY OBJECTIVES

Limit driving distance by changing how golf balls are manufactured and tested



Proposals: Golf balls struck at robot-controlled clubhead speed of 125mph – increased from 120mph – with revised spin rates and launch angles

Rigorous testing process – adding stress and strain onto golf ball – expected to affect live performance. **Balls must not exceed 317 yards to conform**

DRIVING DISTANCES

Estimated reduction in driving capability



Longest hitters

13-15yds



Average tour players

9-11yds



Elite female

5-7yds

FUTURE GOALS

Despite objections from **PGA of America, PGA Tour** and elite golfers, changes are designed to encourage manufacturers to prioritise control and accuracy, over raw power

PGA TOUR: AVERAGE DRIVING DISTANCE EVOLUTION (YARDS)

