USGA adds to research kitty: $1.5m

By MARK LESLIE

FAR HILLS, N.J. — Amid a busy push by the USGA to develop higher-quality turf, the USGA has announced it will add $1.5 million to the existing $3.2 million in its research and development budget over the next three years.

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