

Chipping Level 1- The Putt/Chip

The chip is a low shot hit just off the green. It is a short approach shot that gently lofted the ball over grass and lands on the green and then rolls like a putt.

The Putt-Chip Set up

The simplest and easiest way to chip the ball is to use a putting type stroke with different clubs.

* The set up and the stroke is the exact same for putting, shoulders parallel to the target, eyes over ball.

* You can set up with a little more weight on your left side

* Try not to let your wrists break at all, this will cause topping the ball, which is a very low shot that runs along the ground.

* Clubs to practice with and use are the pitching wedge and the 8 iron. Although you can use any club to chip with, try and get good with a couple clubs at first so you have a good idea of what will happen.

Keep it simple. Golf is a difficult game to learn at first. The simpler you can keep it, the faster you will improve.



Tips to help you chip

- In putting the arms form a capital "Y" at set-up, and remain that way for the stroke in the putt chip, they should stay the same way on the back swing and the through swing.
- Think of chipping as a "stroke" not a swing, similar to tossing a ball, not throwing a ball
- Pay close attention to the wrists at impact with the ball, try not to let the wrists break, keep the upper case "y" shape through the stroke.
- As with any stroke or swing, try and let the ball "just get in the way", focusing on the ball too much will create tension, which creates bad shots.
- It is important to brush the grass with the club, this will help you get the ball in the air. If you don't get the club low enough, it will hit too high on the ball and cause it to go low along the ground and over the green, leaving you with the exact same shot you just had.