

# Chipping - The Chip Shot

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

Set up for the chip shot is the same as for a putt with 3 changes.

1. The ball is placed near the right foot.
2. The weight is mainly on the left side.
3. The hands are slightly forward just in line with the left leg.

\* Any club can be used to chip with. Try to practice with 1 or 2 and get consistent with those first. I suggest the PW, and 8 iron.

\* The goal with chipping is to get the ball on the green as close to the hole as possible. Imagine that there is a 3 or 4 foot circle around the hole and aim for that. Anywhere close to the hole is good. Anything on the green will work.



## Tips for chipping

- In putting the arms form a capital "Y" at set-up, and remain that way for the stroke in chipping the arms form a lower case "y" and remain that way for the stroke.
- 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 lower 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.