

## DRIVER AND FAIRWAY WOODS

Perhaps the most difficult club in the bag to hit is the driver. The problem is that this can also be the most fun club in the bag to hit. It's almost always the first club out of the bag to warm up with on the range.

In order to make using a driver a little bit easier there are a few things that we can do.

- Be sure to play the ball far enough forward in your stance. A good gauge is usually between the heel and toe of your front foot.
- Tee the ball with about half of it showing above the crown, or top, of your driver.
- Take a  $\frac{3}{4}$  swing. When you think you are swinging  $\frac{3}{4}$  you are often taking a full swing.
- Swing easy and within yourself. Distance comes from your coil and the arc your club makes. Distance has little to do with how hard the average golfer swings.
- Be sure to finish your swing with the club wrapped around your back and pointing to the target...if you can. Whether you can hold the finish or not, be sure to accelerate through and past the ball. Most golfers slice the ball and one way to help eliminate a slice is by finishing your shot...accelerating through the ball.

Many of these same principles which apply to hitting a driver also apply to hitting fairway woods. This is especially true if you plan to hit fairway woods from the tee.

- Be sure to play the ball far enough forward in your stance. A good gauge for fairway woods is just inside your front heel.
- If you are going to tee the ball with a fairway wood you want about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the ball showing above the crown, or top, of your wood.
- If you are using a fairway wood from the ground you want to make a sweeping motion, picking the ball from the turf. You do not want to take a divot with a fairway wood like you do with an iron or hybrid club.
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