

IMPROVE YOUR PITCHING

Tips to help every ability hit it closer in the 'scoring zone'

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The ability to pitch the ball close from inside 100 yards is vital for every golfer.

A good pitching game can make a huge difference to your scores – whether you're scrambling to make par, trying to escape with a 'good' bogey or hoping to take advantage of a really solid drive by creating a birdie opportunity.

For higher handicappers, a straightforward, repeatable technique is essential, so we will simplify your set-up.

Mid-handicappers can adopt a more aggressive technique while lower handicappers should aim to pitch it close to any pin location and get it to stop dead. Whatever your ability, these tips will help you get more from your pitching.



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BREAK 100

Simple set-up with less loft

A straightforward technique with a short iron will help create more consistency

SHAFT LEANING FORWARDS

The ball is back of centre in the stance and the hands over the inside of the left thigh, giving lots of shaft lean. It aids a descending blow, less of a 'scoop' at impact and doesn't need perfect hip action or pivot.

SQUARE TO TARGET

Your feet, knees, hips and shoulders should be square to the target with your weight favouring the front leg 65-35 – this encourages the low point of the swing arc to be just ahead of the ball.



USE A 9-IRON

A 9-iron is the perfect club for higher handicappers to use. It has enough loft to produce a high flight and a soft landing – but you don't have to swing it as hard as a wedge so it is much easier to control the swing and clubface to produce accurate shots.



SWEETLY-STRUCK SHORT IRONS

The hands are ahead of the ball as the clubhead moves into impact, which encourages the desirable descending blow that compresses the ball to create a high launch and generate backspin. It also prevents flicky wrists through impact.

BREAK 90

More loft and positivity

A more aggressive swing with a pitching wedge generates more spin

HIP TOWARD TARGET

The more centred ball position and a subtle hip shift to the target in the downswing means the ball is squeezed against the turf, so the loft can do what it's designed to do; launch it high with backspin.

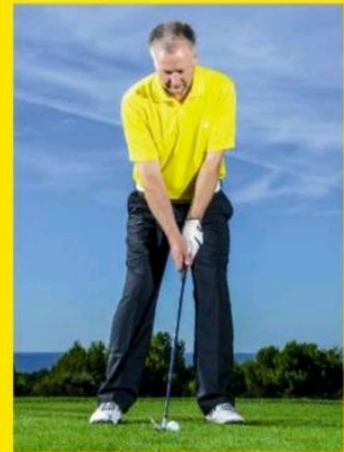
SHAFT MATCHING LEG

The shaft angle will match your back leg as you move into impact if you are creating a good downward attack with the clubhead as well as shifting and turning your weight at the correct speed and time.



USE A PITCHING WEDGE

The pitching wedge has enough bounce to help negate the effects of not striking the ball and ground perfectly, coupled with more loft than a 9-iron for a higher flight and more backspin from a slightly quicker mid-handicapper's swing.



GENTLE SHAFT LEAN

Ball position is central, the weight favours the front foot 60-40 and the hands aren't quite as far forward as for the higher-handicapper. The slight shaft lean promotes a swing that traps the ball against the turf to produce a high flight and backspin.

BREAK 80

Generate height and spin

A high flight and maximum backspin enable you to stop it close to any pin

VERTICAL SHAFT

With weight spread 50-50 and the ball a touch forward of centre, your hands are inside the left thigh so the shaft is near to vertical – presenting the clubhead with its true loft and engaging the bounce.

FLARED FRONT FOOT

Opening your stance a touch and flaring your front foot creates more room to turn your hips through impact so you can pivot more freely over your leading leg – helpful with the forward ball position.

**USE A SAND WEDGE**

The extra loft and versatility with a sand wedge is well worth the slight reduction in forgiveness for better players. This club enables you to generate optimum height and spin so you can stop the ball quickly near pins with tight positions.

**CLUB CATCHING HANDS**

Allowing the clubhead to catch up with your hands into impact will create the perfect angle of attack and will produce plenty of clubhead speed as well as backspin as it clips the ball off the grass with only a small divot.



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