

Chipping success hinges on technique

18: Chipping – Hinge and Hold

UNLIKE pitching, a chip shot is generally more of a lower-flighted shot where the ball runs and often spends more time on the ground than it does in the air depending upon which club you are using.

It is a very versatile shot that can be used with an array of different clubs, allowing different flights and different distances.

The technique starts with your weight on your front foot and your head in line with your ball.

When you start away from the ball you should make a slight hinge with your wrists (Hinge), then let your arms move back the required length of back-swing for the intended shot.

As you can see from the pictures, there is only a slight amount of wrist break – which is unlike your pitching action.

Now, with your weight already on your front foot, you need to hold the angle you created in your wrists in your backswing (Hold).

Rotate your arms and body through together, hitting slightly down on the ball for a crisp strike.

The ball will fly and roll out at a height and distance which will depend upon the club you selected.

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