

Chip away at your technique to improve

9. Improve your chipping

I have found over the years I have been teaching that when it comes to the short game – and especially very short shots – many golfers take the club too far back in the back-swing for the required distance needed to hit the shot.

This in turn will generally lead to decelerating in the downswing, creating poor strikes and inconsistent distances.

Here is a drill for your chipping, if you feel that you have this problem:

Firstly, find a handy object (I am using a range basket in the pictures here) then place it the correct distance behind your ball for the length of back-swing the shot requires.

Now make your back-swing, staying just short of the basket.

From here, you can then accelerate through so that your follow through will be as long, or longer, than your back-swing.

At first it will feel that your back-swing is really short, but with practice you will be able to get more familiar with it.

Once you start to master it your chipping will improve considerably, with both your strike and your distance control.



● Andy Lamb demonstrates how to improve your chipping

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