



DRIVER FAIRWAY FINDER

FREE TRAINING GUIDE

Pre-Shot Preparation



When playing golf, you can often be faced with that tough tee shot to a narrow fairway. There may be hazards lurking either side of the landing area, waiting to capture that errant drive.

If it's a long par 4 or if the hole plays into the wind, you might not want to hit the 3-wood or an iron. It's time to step up with the driver!



Step 1 - Before you even step up to the golf ball, the first thing you should do, to give yourself the best chance of hitting the fairway is to select your target. Too often, golfers just swing without having a specific target in mind.

Aim for something in the distance, such as a telegraph pole, a tree or even a tree branch!



Step 2 - As you consider your ideal setup, you should choose your tee wisely. A tall tee is perfect for bombing long drives but isn't necessarily the most accurate. For those tight tee shots, especially into the wind, select a tee which is quite short.

The strike point on the driver face will now be slightly lower.



As you place your driver behind the golf ball, you will only see a small portion of the ball showing above the crown of the driver.

The lower strike point on the driver face imparts a little more backspin on the golf ball. This reduces driving distance, of course, but it also improves accuracy.



Driver Setup For Accuracy



Step 3 - Most golfers address their driver tee shots with a wide stance. This is ideal for helping generate power for those long drives.

This setup places the body well behind the golf ball and helps us generate more ground force for added power and clubhead speed.



When you absolutely must hit the fairway with your driver, try narrowing your stance slightly, to the same width you would use your 7-iron.

This will have the effect of shortening the backswing, which will in turn help produce a low, penetrating ball flight into the wind.



Step 4 - Another adjustment to improve accuracy and lower the ball flight, is to lower the hands on your grip. 'Choking' down the grip an inch or so, effectively stiffens the shaft and shortens your swing arc.

This also keeps the ball flight lower into the wind and increases your chances of hitting the fairway.



Step 5 - The one aspect which should not change on tight tee shots, is your level of commitment to your drive.

You have made the necessary adjustments to your setup to improve the accuracy of your tee shot. If you attempt to 'steer' the golf ball, you change your tempo and adversely affect your clubface control.



Bomb Drive or Fairway Finder?



You are much better off, swinging through to a full finish, rather than slowing your swing or attempting to manipulate the club.

Rather swing at your normal clubhead speed, at 90-95% of maximum and trust your swing and the setup changes you have made to ensure success.



Please bear in mind, that you are giving up some distance with these adjustments. Glen's bombed drive travelled 15 yards further than his 'Fairway Finder' Driver Swing.

It's up to you to decide when to play your Fairway Finder and when to hit your Bomb 💣!

Driving Challenge



Of course, the best way to hit more fairways on the golf course, is to practise effectively.

This challenge recreates a game situation and puts you under pressure to hit a narrow fairway.

Select 2 posts on your driving range or objects in the distance, to represent the edges of a narrow fairway.



Align a Tour Stick just outside the hitting area, aimed directly at the centre of your 'fairway'. This helps you build a consistent setup with a square clubface, while also encouraging a neutral swing path.

Play 10 drives and record how many fairways you hit. Next practice session, strive to beat your best. If you score 10/10, you can narrow your target area.



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