



STOP CHUNKING FROM SOFT GROUND

PITCHING TRAINING GUIDE

Pitching From Soft Ground



Following excessive rain, shots around the green become a little more challenging! When the ground is soft, it is very easy to ‘Chunk’ a chip or pitch. This happens when the leading edge of the wedge becomes stuck in the ground.



The high lofted wedges are more prone to stub into the ground as the leading edge is sharper. With the soft conditions, consider dropping down the loft of your chosen club. After all, the ball isn't going to run very far on the green anyway.

Using the Bounce of the Wedge



Many golfers make the mistake of moving the golf ball back in the stance for these pitch shots, to ensure hitting the ball first. However, this narrows the margin of error, as the angle of approach of the clubhead into the ball is steeper.



It makes sense to play these soft turf shots with as much forgiveness as possible. This includes utilising the bounce of the club. By playing the ball forward and opening clubface a fraction, you increase effective bounce and margin of error.

Shallow Angle of Approach



Keeping the club low to the ground in the backswing and downswing, shallows your angle of approach. Your goal should be to 'sweep' the grass in wet conditions, rather than 'chop' down into it in any attempt to 'compress' the ball.



The shaft should be vertical or very slightly forward at impact. This ensures that the bounce - the trailing edge of the wedge - is brushing the turf and reducing any 'digging' of the clubhead into the ground. Done correctly, you can even clip the grass before the golf ball.

No Divot



There should be little to no divot created with these pitch shots. A shallow angle of approach, coupled with the high bounce affords a margin of error. This adds loft to the club as well, which means you don't need to use the 60° Lob Wedge!



Of course, with all pitch shots, it is important to turn the body through with the arms and remain connected through to the finish. This shows full commitment to your pitch and helps you with your contact and your confidence.

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