

## Chipping

By definition, it's *usually* a short, low shot played from just off the green where the grass is either too high to use a putter, or too bumpy and irregular to putt. To achieve consistent results, chipping requires the implementation of a short, precise swing that elevates the ball on a low arc a safe distance on the green, then lets the ball roll out the remaining distance to the hole. To become proficient at this shot, try the following technique:

1. Select a short iron, move your hands down slightly on the grip for control, and use either your putting grip or the grip you use for full shots;
2. Narrow and open your stance slightly and bend forward from the hips with your back straight;
3. Distribute most of your weight on your forward leg, position the ball inside your back foot, and lean the shaft of the club forward so your hands are slightly ahead of the golf ball;
4. Keeping your weight on your forward leg, turn your elbows toward your hips, and swing the club back and through in a pendulum motion with your arms and shoulders only. (Try to make the backswing and follow through similar in length, eliminate wrist-cock on the backswing, and keep your hands forward of the clubhead throughout).