



12 things you must do to help you hit your driver better

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Here are my dozen top tips for you to try to get the most out of your driver. If the ball isn't in play then it's tough to make a score. Act now and give yourself the best chance of hitting great drives.

Tee the ball correctly

The golf ball needs to be teed high enough to enable the club to swing through and hit it on a very slight upward stroke. Promoting a ball strike that is from the centre or towards the crown of the face. This will help to create a rainbow shaped flight on the shot and give you more distance. As a general rule when you place the driver behind the ball the equator of it should be level with the top edge of the face.

Sit the club head correctly

When addressing the ball ensure the whole sole of the driver is sat flat on the floor. So you show the natural loft of the club to the ball and help to produce a better flight.

Correct loft & shaft flex

Get your swing speed and launch angle measured. Getting a driver that is fitted to you that encompasses these 2 factors will help to optimize your ball flight and reduce the balls backspin, giving you more distance.

Know your distance

Learn your overall carry distance with a good drive plus a distance that also allows for any roll on the ball. This way you can check what dangers await at this point down the fairway by using your course guide. You can then swing with more confidence as you know you have the correct club in your hands and its possible finishing position.

Practice with it

The only way to get better at hitting your driver is to practice with it, then practice with it even more. Until you can hit it consistently enough on the range, then take it to the course and be confident.



Play your own game

When you are playing with other golfers remember you are playing against the course and not your playing partners. It is very easy to get sucked into trying to keep up with others who may hit the ball further off the tee. Avoid being phased by others and play your own game.

Give up control

To help gain extra yards off the tee give up control of where the ball might go. If you try to guide the ball down the fairway your swing will become slower with less flow and energy to it. Free-wheel to a finish to help hit it longer.

Glove & Handle

It is vital you create great traction between yourself and the club. If the ball is struck off centre the club will try and twist in your hands, changing the angle of the face often giving a worse result. Change your driver grip regularly and use a fresh glove to optimize this traction and gain more consistent results.

Target focus

Move your target with the driver to a point on the horizon or anything that your brain clearly knows is impossible to reach. This will help you to commit to the drive fully and gain good yardage.

Body tension

Too much body tension will cause a reduction in club head speed. When addressing the ball try walking into it very slowly and calmly settle into position. All subsequent movements should also be slow until you finally begin the motion of your swing. This will help to keep things relaxed and tension free.

Check the wind

Get into the habit of throwing some grass into the air to double check the wind direction. This will boost your confidence that you are choosing the correct aim or line to take and help you commit fully to the drive in hand.

See it finish

Regardless of whether you hit a good drive or a bad drive, try to see it finish. Especially with a bad drive I often observe players turning away from the shot in disgust. They then fail to get a line on it or see it finish. As a result they lose the ball and end up taking 3 off the tee costing more unnecessary shots. Don't rely on your playing partners to watch your shot for you.

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Above all enjoy implementing these driver tips, you never know one or more of these might really suit your game and fast track you to hitting some truly great drives!

Good luck and happy golfing - Rich Lawless PGA

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