

## Practice Your Swing the Easy Way

Any experienced golfer will tell you that despite having the priciest clubs, the whitest shoes or the most technologically-advanced golf balls, you just can't be a good golfer if you don't have a decent swing.

The key to a great golf game is having a consistent and reliable swing. A good swing will not only save your game, it can also save face at the course. The first tee is the most important, because everyone is watching you. If you start off with a lousy swing and miss the ball or send it careening off course, you're bound to be embarrassed. That's why it is so important that you devote the time to practice your swing.

You can purchase all of the right equipment, and read stacks of golfing books and magazines, but to make it as a golfer you have to look and act like a golfer. Learning how to swing a golf club won't happen overnight, so try not to get too frustrated. It can take years of practice, dedication and observation to become comfortable with making a perfect drive every time.

Most people are on the right track as they initially approach the swing. The problem is, they tend to stray because they suddenly change their stance or lose their grip. The first step to learning how to swing a golf club is finding a club that feels good to you. You need to have the right grip, and the length of your club must be perfect. Make sure that you're relaxed while approaching the tee. Don't tense up. Practice is the key to a becoming a great golfer. When you feel calm, you are ready to take your stance. If the position of your body isn't just right, you'll have a poor back swing, a poor downswing and a poor follow through. Basically, stance is everything in performing a great swing. Keep your body strong throughout the back swing, downswing and follow through.

For the back swing, take the club and raise it to the proper height. As you swing down, you will be in the downswing position. This is when you will hit the ball. Finally, you need to complete your follow through, or the ball will go off-course. Replacing box after box of golf balls can get costly, so practice your swing and keep those balls on the green.

If you need extra help with your swing, you can rent instructional videos or DVDs, or you can hire a professional instructor. Taking lessons can be expensive, but the one-on-one instruction and hands-on experience is usually worth the money. If cash is a concern, it's probably best to just get out on the course and practice. Visit a driving range and practice your swing by driving a few buckets of balls. Use trial and error to perfect your swing.

There is a noticeable difference between a good golfer and a great golfer, and that difference usually lies in the swing. Practice your swing, and see just how quickly your game will improve.