

## HOW TO DRIVE WITH A PUTTER

- Use a sturdy, flange-type putter.
  - Most modern putters are not built to handle the force that driving a golf ball produces. Try to use a heavier putter, preferably one with a steel shaft inserted securely into (rather than over) a thick hosel.
- Tee the ball up high.

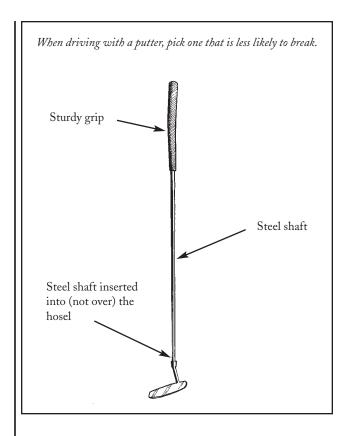
Since a putter does not have any loft, you will have to tee the ball up high, approximately  $1^{1}/_{2}$  to 2 inches off the ground.

- Play the ball well forward in your stance.
  Tee the ball forward of your front shoulder.
- Take several practice swings to get the feel of swinging a putter.

Putters are very light and will fly around much faster than a driver, and with much less effort.

Make solid contact with the ball.

Hit the ball on the upswing. Hitting cleanly is much more important than swinging hard when driving with a putter.



## Be Aware

- Older, major-brand putters are less likely to break apart on impact. Used-club shops and club repair shops are the best places for finding a putter of this type, but you may find one in a sporting goods store.
- There is a danger that upon contact with the ball, the head of the putter will fly off the shaft. Make sure no one in your group is down course.

