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Add a low cut to your arsenal and become a fairway-splitting machine



Slightly open stance, ball teed low.

ADDRESS

Position the ball where you normally would for a driver, but tee it low, so that it's barely touching the grass. Open your stance slightly and choke halfway down the grip. Aim the face at the target.



Take a smooth, three-quarter backswing. You don't need to muscle this shot.

BACKSWING

Make a three-quarter backswing. The key is to control the club rather than swing out of your spikes. This shot is about accuracy, not distance. Combining a short backswing with a choked-down grip will work wonders for the quality of your ballstriking.

HOW TO "STING" IT DOWN THE MIDDLE

Your standard drive is solid, but you haven't developed a reliable tee shot for pressure-packed moments. When the heat is on and you absolutely must hit the fairway, you tend to block or hook it. And when you throttle down to a 3-wood or hybrid? You hit the same errant shot, only shorter. Like all golfers—Tour pros included—you need a swing you can trust in critical situations.

Be a Tiger on the Tee

One of the best "can't-miss" fairway finders is the 3-wood stinger, which Tiger Woods popularized during his dominant years. Sure, Tiger's talented, but the stinger isn't a shot that only elite players can pull off. You can hit it, too. In fact, the technique demands an outside-in swing path, which most weekend players use. Just add the moves below to your typical cut shot.



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DOWNSWING

Bring the club slightly across the ball through impact (red line, below). Combined with your open setup, this swing path will create the ideal amount of left-to-right spin. The ball will fly low and release once it hits the fairway. It won't go for miles, but it will hit the fairway almost every time!

Catch it pure with this cut swing and the ball will fly your normal 3-wood distance.

Swing the club to the left.