

## Golf Basics: Tips on the Fundamentals of the Game

These tips on golf basics are great not only for beginners, but for golfers of all skill levels who need a refresher on the fundamentals such as the grip and the set-up position.

By the way, don't forget that one of the most basic of golf basics is this: *practice!* You'd be surprised how many people think they can get better at golf simply by playing every once in a while. You should always keep the focus on enjoying the game, but if you *also* want to become good at golf, making time to practice is a must.

But before we get to the tips about golf basics that you can read or watch here, you may want to do more *offline* reading and watching later. So here are some recommendations

- [Best Golf Instruction Books for Beginners](#): Seven of our favorite how-to books for absolute beginners.
- [Top Full Swing, Drills and General Instructional Books](#): Here are 12 books that cover a broader array of topics, including the golf swing, and offer drills and faults-and-fixes type information.
- [Top 12 Instructional DVDs for Golfers](#): If you want to watch, rather than read, golf instruction, here are recommended DVDs and DVD sets.

Now, on to the tips about golf basics ...

### **The Grip: Holding Onto Your Clubs**

So many other problems with a golfer's swing can be helped simply by improving his or her grip. A good swing starts with knowing the proper way to place your hands on the handle of the golf club.

- [3 most common ways of gripping the club](#)
- [How to place the club in the lead-hand \(top hand\) grip](#)
- [How to place the club in the trailing-hand \(bottom hand\) grip](#)
- [How tightly should you hold the club?](#)

### **The Setup: Taking Your Stance**

Along with the grip, the setup position - how you stand as you prepare to swing at the golf ball - is one of the most fundamental of the golf basics.

- [The proper golf setup position, step by step](#)
- [Why the setup is so important](#)

### **Swing Basics**

- [Balance and rhythm in the swing](#)
- [Hit down, dammit! Understanding why hitting down makes the ball go up](#)
- [Drill: How to use a golf bag to work on swing plane](#)

### **... and More Golf Basics**

- [The correct way to warm up before the round, and how it can improve your score](#)
- [Some ball-flight basics](#)
- [Golf etiquette](#)
- [The Rules of Golf](#)

### [17 Quick Tips for Beginners and High-Handicappers](#)

Here are 17 short, quick tips on subjects such as preparing for the round, hitting it farther, swing faults and fixes, shots around the green and the mental game.