

## Chipping by Jess Bramble

For a right-handed golfer for both a **lofted chip and chip and run**:

At setup we want the ball in the middle of our stance with weight leaning towards the target.

Ensure that your hands are pushed forward slightly so that they are sitting in front of the club face.

Grip down the club a little bit to help with control.

When you swing the club ensure that it is done with firm wrists using predominantly your shoulders.

On your backswing feel a nice turn of your shoulders away from the ball, keeping your weight on your left side as you do so.

On your downswing turn your hips and shoulders towards the target.

Ensure that you turn up onto the toes of your right foot – this is the key to getting your hips and shoulders to work correctly on the downswing and through impact.

At the completion of your swing ensure that the majority of your weight is on your left side, your belly button is facing the target, your left arm and the club are in one straight line and that your hands are up level with the height of your left hip.

Control your distance by the length of your backswing, not how fast you swing the club. It is a feel orientated part of the game.

Make sure you brush the grass with the bottom of the club to allow the loft of the club to get the ball in the air. One of the worst things you can do is try and lift the ball in the air.

Try to use your less lofted clubs such as 7 or 8 iron more than the lofted clubs like a sand wedge unless you have to chip over some sort of obstacle such as a bunker, mound or long grass.

The biggest thing with chipping is TRUST and to be BRAVE. Trust the loft of the club will get the ball in the air for you.

For a right-handed golfer – **the hybrid chip**:

This essentially replaces the chip and run shot.

Ideally use a 22 to 24-degree hybrid.

Think about it like you would a putter – same setup, grip etc.

Make the club as short as possible, so that it doesn't get caught in your clothing.

Maintain a smooth even tempo. If your tempo gets too quick or you use your hands and wrists too much the ball can go a long way.

Great for when you would normally use your putter or when you have to get your ball up a slope.

Good luck. If you have any questions, please email me on [jbramble@pgamember.org.au](mailto:jbramble@pgamember.org.au)