
Tip of the Week: Knockdown shots

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Having a stock swing you can rely on under ideal conditions is great, but sometimes you'll need to make adjustments in order to get the ball close to the hole. One of the most popular of these "unorthodox" shots is the knockdown. When you hit a knockdown shot, you're essentially trying to take a little something off the yardage you'd normally hit. This can be useful when it gets windy and you need less spin, or when you just want to hit a little more club and swing easy.

Learning to hit a knockdown shot is simple. [Colt Knost](#) explains "One thing, and I learned this from the great Randy Smith, that'll help you with your start line — you've got to open your stance a little bit," Knost says.

"I'm going to take my normal setup, move the ball back a couple inches and then just open my stance, which means move your left foot back a little bit. You are creating conditions for an in-to-out swing path and you are offsetting that path and getting the ball to start more in line with the target. It'll improve your start line," Knost says. "So many people hit big pulls when they try to hit a knockdown shot, and that's because your stance is too closed. Open it up a little bit, make a normal swing with the ball back and you'll see beautiful knockdown shots."