

Club selection—One way to control the distance a ball carries and/or rolls when chipping, pitching or making a full-swing, is the club selection. It is the combination of the club's length and loft that determine a club's power. The length of the golf club determines the speed the clubhead travels, whereas, the loft of the clubface determines the degree to which the ball is propelled up and out toward the hole. Longer clubs travel faster with lower loft (such as driver, metal woods, hybrids) and have more distance potential. Shorter clubs travel slower with higher loft (such as 8 iron, 9 iron, wedges) and have less distance potential.

New PLAYers may not be able to generate enough speed or make solid contact with longer, lower-lofted clubs, and may find their long-distance club is actually a shorter/higher lofted club such as a 7 iron.

- Rather than changing the length or speed of the swing, a simple way to control distance is to make the same swing with different clubs.
- Below are some examples of the distance and trajectory of different clubs.

