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*Tee it low to hit
your hybrids
almost as far
as your driver*



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For most players, a hybrid can be a great alternative to the driver. But you're as erratic with your hybrids as you are with your big stick, hitting far too many pop-ups.

Different Club, Different Swing

Most players tee the ball too high and assume a driver-like setup when they're using a hybrid. They keep their weight over their back foot and their right shoulder below their left, which forces them to hit the ball with an uppercut. Hybrids, however, are designed to strike the ball with a sweeping or even a slightly descending blow.

How to "Drive" a Hybrid

When hitting a hybrid off the tee, use the same setup and swing you'd use from the fairway. Tee the ball quite low, so that the tee is almost invisible—you want a perfect lie with barely any elevation. Then, take a more balanced setup, with your shoulders fairly level and your weight equally distributed between your feet. Don't hit up on the ball! Instead, try to sweep the ball off the tee as you would if it was sitting on the fairway. With some practice, your confidence will skyrocket—just like your ball flight.



No!



Teeing the ball too high makes you hit up on it—good for driver, bad for a hybrid.

Yes!



With a hybrid, tee the ball low and strike it with a more level, sweeping swing.

Hit up on the ball with a driver, but power straight through it with a hybrid.