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Here are some Do's and Don't to help you on your way to getting some new equipment.

With so many suppliers providing so much different equipment that all provide "straighter and longer shots" its difficult to find something you like. So instead of spending you hard earned cash on the wrong equipment let us help you in making the right choice and getting you the correct equipment for your game.

DO get some lessons under your belt first if you want to maximise the benefits of any equipment you buy. The club is an extension of you as a golfer so if you've got poor technique a 3000,- driver is not going to help you.



DON'T get caught out by the hype. Much as you admire that eight degree loft driver that Tiger wields, the reality is you probably generate only half the clubhead speed and would barely get the ball off the surface, so start thinking about equipment that's suitable for you.

DO try out and test clubs before you buy, preferably with some advice from your PGA Professional. There are so many clubs on the market

now that it's an absolute minefield and I can't imagine what it's like as a beginner walking into a pro shop expecting to make a sensible choice.

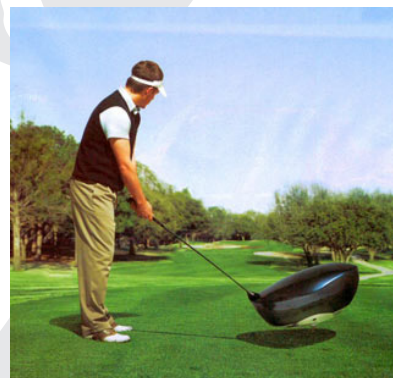
DON'T give your kids any hand-me downs. «When I started playing 20 years ago, you played with cut offs where the toe was sticking miles in the air and the club weighed a ton. Fortunately times have moved on and equipment for juniors these days is out of this world, extremely affordable and reasonably priced and the right gear can make all the difference to their enjoyment of the game.»

DO seek out a static fitting from your PGA professional. This will ensure you get the right clubs to suit your build in terms of height, arm length and grip size. Also at the beginner stage, a static fitting is probably better than custom fitting because a newcomer's game will still be very much in its development phase.

DON'T forget - Even if you've already jumped in and bought clubs you can still get them checked by your pro who may well be able to fit them to your requirements in terms of characteristics like loft, lie and shaft length.

DO ensure you use clubs with enough loft to get the ball up in the air. PGA professionals are famous for using seven irons during lessons and one of the reasons is it gets the ball up in the air and is appealing and satisfying which all fuels the confidence and motivation of the pupil. It's why rescue clubs, hybrids and five wood

type clubs are useful additions to the bag early on.



DON'T use a driver until you are confident with a three wood. The reality is that if most golfers hit 10 drives and 10 three woods they would probably on average hit the three wood further because it's got more loft and is easier to hit. Drivers might look appealing but less loft means less backspin and more side spin so exaggerating any faults.

DON'T forget that you don't need to fork out for a full set of clubs. You can happily begin with a starter half set - SW, PW, 9,7,5 and 3W - and hone your game before investing in better equipment as your golf improves.



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