

Set Makeup: Blueprinting, Coverage and Gapping

Definition of blueprint: A detailed design, plan, or pattern that can be followed or a guide, featuring measurements and data, for producing or reproducing something.

We at Washington County Golf Course believe to play your best golf a golfer must have equipment, i.e a set makeup where specifications of each club is properly measured and documented, from driver to lob wedge, such that consistent and predictable performance of each club can be expected through the set. The off season is the perfect time for investing in the process for blueprinting your set of clubs.

Objective: To precisely measure each club's loft, lie, and where pertinent, face angle. This information becomes our baseline, for beginning the process of a proper custom fitting or retrofitting, based on your physical capabilities. Here, accurate data is paramount if one is to reach their potential.

Purpose: To enjoy golf – and golf is most enjoyed when a player, with the help of his fitter, is able to measure how far a golf ball travels in the air when struck with every club. This is called “coverage.” The golfer must have his or her own set of specifications incorporated into their equipment to assist them in achieving their goals in the game. The entire process breeds confidence, consistency and ultimately the above mentioned enjoyment. It all starts by knowing how far a golf ball goes when struck with each club.

Procedure:

1. Precisely measure each club in the set to create a raw baseline
2. Measure the carry difference and ball speed difference between each club going from lowest playable loft iron to the highest playable lofted iron in the set.
3. Compare gapping or coverage with initial measurement data and adjust the club(s) as needed
4. Determine long game requirements through testing -- driver, fairway woods, hybrids and lowest playable lofted iron on a launch monitor
5. Configure equipment to best serve realistic long game objectives. Such as, does the golfer need utility irons, hybrids, and high lofted or low lofted fairway metals.
6. Review your new equipment “blueprint.” It is created for your game and personal enjoyment. By knowing one's “coverage” between clubs, one eventually learns the distance covered. This eliminates errors in judgment re: club choice i.e. reducing any “gaps” in coverage.

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