Pitch Shot Fundamentals: High, Soft, and Controlled

Key Concepts Covered

- Pitch shots are high, short shots typically used to get over an obstacle like a bunker.
- They differ from chip shots, which are lower and roll farther-pitch shots focus on elevation and soft landings.
- Use a more lofted club (like a sand wedge or lob wedge) for pitch shots.
- Inspect the lie first-it's much easier to pitch from a clean lie where the ball is sitting up.
- Ball position should be slightly forward in your stance to help launch the ball higher.
- If the pin is close to the obstacle, hit it higher. If there's more green to work with, you can go lower.
- Keep about 60-70% of your weight on your front foot throughout the swing.
- Use a short, controlled backswing and maintain a smooth rhythm for best results.

Pro Tips

- Don't try to scoop the ball-let the loft of the club do the work.
- Avoid leaving the ball short in the bunker-pick a landing spot beyond the trouble.
- Master the basic pitch first, then adjust height and spin as your confidence grows.

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