

4C9ers Clinic – May 14th 2019

Golf Course Strategy

(Playing the hole backwards, understanding golf course design and the Key 2019 rule changes)

Key notes:

- Try playing the hole backwards in your mind prior to teeing off so you can strategically map your way around trouble (Penalty areas- lakes, bunkers and tall grass, etc)
- Almost every green has an opening that doesn't require a forced carry over water or sand. Ask yourself where that opening is prior to teeing off and map your way backwards. **CONNECT THE DOTS.**
- Golf Course designers strategically place obstacles to make a seemingly easy hole difficult. Hitting the ball as far as possible isn't always the smart choice. Have a plan, but be willing and ready to adapt and adjust.
- **Play your strengths.** If you are not good with a fairway metal then leave it in the bag! **One** well struck 7 iron will often go further than **two** topped 3 woods. Stop hitting clubs you THINK you should hit and start hitting clubs you KNOW you can hit. Save your weaknesses for the practice range.

For help with the New 2019 rule changes I would recommend everyone purchase or at least review the book below:

"Expert Golf" – GOLF RULES QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE (2019 NEW RULES)

I am looking into ordering these for the golf shop, but in the mean time I believe you can get them at Golf Mart in Dublin or purchase them online.