

## FIX YOUR SLICE

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*The correct  
takeaway stops  
slices right at  
the start*



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## FIVE WAYS TO HIT IT FLUSH

**Y**ou know that an inside-out swing path eliminates slices, but instead of properly routing your club on the downswing, you whip it too far inside on your backswing. What's more, you roll your wrists and forearms, getting the club behind you. Now you're "stuck." Instead of an ideal inside-out move to the ball, you're forced to either come over the top or flip the clubhead to the right. With either error, the ball is going anywhere but straight.

### A Picture-Perfect Takeaway

Your downswing is only as good as your backswing, so you must avoid getting the club "stuck" behind you. Practice your takeaway in front of a mirror (position it behind you and on an extension of your target line). Halt your backswing when your hands reach belt height, comparing what you see in the mirror to the five checkpoints shown below. The most important check? The clubhead is in line with your hands and not behind you.

#### 1. HEAD

Steady and centered.  
**Tip:** Refrain from swaying off the ball.



#### 2. LEFT ARM

Pointed at your toe line.  
**Tip:** Don't over-rotate your body at the start.

#### 3. HANDS

Directly over your toe line.  
**Tip:** Swing your hands straight back from the position they held at address.

#### 4. CLUBSHAFT

Parallel to the ground when the hands reach belt height.  
**Tip:** Swing your arms instead of rolling them.

#### 5. CLUBHEAD

Directly in line with your hands with the face square to your target line.  
**Tip:** Hinge your wrists; don't let them roll.



**NO!**  
Rolling the club to the inside produces slices, blocks, pulls, and smother hooks.