

# Club Path



The in-to-out or out-to-in movement of the club head's geometric center at the time of maximum compression  
Club Path is the direction the club head is moving (right or left) at impact and is measured relative to the target line.

**Most golfers relate this number to hitting the ball “in-to-out” or “out-to-in”.**

A positive value means the club is moving to the right of the target at impact (“in-to-out” for a right-handed golfer) and a negative value means it is moving to the left of the target (“out-to-in” for a right-handed golfer).

To hit a straight shot, the club path should be zero. The club path is part of what influences the curvature of the shot. It also is part of what determines the ball's starting direction.

An “in-to-out” club path is necessary to hit a draw and an “out-to-in” club path is necessary to hit a fade. The optimal club path depends on the type of shot the golfer wants to play. A golfer may want to hit a 5 yard fade, straight shot, or 10 yard draw. Each of these shots has its own optimal club path.

## **Technical Definition:**

*Club Path – The horizontal direction of the club head's geometric center movement at the time of maximum compression*

positive value means the club is moving to the right of the target line regardless of dexterity

negative value means the club is moving to the left of the target line regardless of dexterity