

# James Bastian

*Director of Player Development*

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## Introduction

My golf “career” started when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. My dad took me out to the local executive course and I fell in love with the game. I worked on my game through high school enough to play at the collegiate level at Oakland community college. My career was not long but the lessons I learned playing competitively would stay with me. After spending 5 years at Oakhurst Country club, I took a position at Spring Meadows Country Club as an Assistant Professional for 7 years. In 2024, I created the role of Director of Player Development. This position has allowed me to focus on teaching, fitting and coaching in a more intentional way.

## Philosophy

I believe in hitting the ball with **Efficiency**. To be most efficient, we must hit the ball in the **Center** of the clubface. Our physical limitations as well as the fit of our clubs have a great effect on our consistency. These ideas must be taken into consideration when setting our golfing goals and expectations.

“A CENTER FACE HIT WILL  
ALWAYS PRODUCE MORE  
CONSISTENCY”

When we hit the ball in the center of the face, no matter what our swing path may be, a **Center** face hit will always produce more speed and consistency. No matter the student’s physical limitations I will always try to put my students in a position to find the **Center** of the clubface.

Communication ties all these ideas together. If my student doesn’t understand the “what, why and how” of the lesson, then it will be counterproductive. **Communication** is a keystone to the whole lesson. I try to create an environment where my students can be honest and open so we can find the prescription to a better swing and more enjoyment in the game. It is meant to be fun and for the most part, I believe, we will have more fun if we play our best.

## 2024 Rates

\$100 Per lesson (45-60 Min)

Club Fitting \$100

*A lesson or fitting cancelled without 48 hour notice will be considered fulfilled.*

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