



Clay Center Country Club  
“Green Tee initiative”

## WHAT TEE YARDAGE SHOULD YOU BE PLAYING FROM?

In recent years we have all heard about the distance debate in golf. Are golfers hitting the ball too far? Or is it just the pros that are? Should courses be redesigned to provide longer yardage options? Or do we limit equipment for sanctioned events? While this has been a hot topic, we’ve got some brutal truths about how us mere mortals/amateur golfers are actually playing in regards to this topic.

When looking at course yardages, players have their own habits or routines when it comes to selecting the tee box to play; it can also be influenced by who you are playing with.

The “Tee It Forward” initiative put forth by the USGA and The PGA of America encourages players to play from a set of tees best suited to their driving distance. After analyzing thousands of rounds of golf the USGA and PGA have developed guidelines for selecting tees that would hopefully make golf more enjoyable for more golfers. The chart below is used as a guideline to help golfers potentially align their average driving distance with the course length that best suits their abilities.

DRIVER DISTANCE	RECOMMENDED 18 HOLE YARDAGE
275	6700-6900
250	6200-6400
225	5800-6000
200	5200-5400
175	4400-4600
150	3500-3700
125	2800-3000
100	2100-2300

Clay Center Country Club course yardages are 5240 from the White tees and 4826 from the Red tees. The White tees would be suitable for those that drive the ball around 200 yards and the Red tees would be suitable for someone who drives the ball around 185 yards. According to the guidelines above we simply do not accommodate those who hit the ball shorter distances. In the near future we plan to work on adding new tee boxes with Green Tees markers as recommended by the USGA/PGA. This is a self-help project and will be funded by member donations. It’s clear a small number of golfers will take advantage of these new tees at first, but our sole intention here is to have more people enjoy playing the game.

Looking forward to seeing you on the course!