

Baffling Description

To play straight drive in cricket, a batsman is supposed to prepare themselves before they enter the ground. A few knockdowns are necessary to set your eyes to the ball. Make sure to warm up and stretch your arms to play freely on the pitch. When it is your turn to start the innings, walk and jog into the ground whilst clearing your mind for any premeditated shots. A few stretches such as lower back stretch and 'toe touching' stretches are recommended. As you walk in the middle of the ground, question your partner for swing, speed, and game plan for the innings.

To take the correct stance, you must conduct the following:

- Ask the umpire for middle stumps and leg stumps' alignment to ensure the bat is in parallel with the stumps. Use your studs to mark the crease.
- Settle your right foot (Right-handed batsman) on the middle stumps' mark and settle your left foot on the leg stumps' mark.
- Make sure your shoulders are parallel to your toes and bend your knees slightly to maneuver around the pitch easily.
- Set your head position to make it perpendicular to your toes and focus your eyes on the ball instead of the bowler.
- Lift your bat above the waist height while pointing it towards the first slip.

As the bowler bowls the ball, if the ball pitches on the full side of the pitch, eye the bowl while playing it with a straight bat. Put your head down to play the bowl on the ground. Finish the stroke and balance your position to play the perfect straight drive.