

555 GOLF EDITORIALS

‘PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE’

PUTTING TIPS

FOR GOLF’S PRIMARY PROCESS

Rudimentary Putting Tips

- 1) Place two clubs parallel to the line towards the cup on either side of the ball. Check to see you are swinging your putter through a straight line.
- 2) Place a two by four parallel to the line towards the cub outside of the ball. Check to see you are swinging your putter through in a straight line.
- 3) Mark the sweet spot with a piece of tape (a half inch by a half inch should do it). See if you can it the sweet spot with each putt.
- 4) Place 6 balls in a circle around the hole about 4 feet away. Putt each one in turn. Can you make all six? Remember to read the green before each.
- 5) In order to aim for the center of the hole, Place four tees in front of the hole with enough room for a golf ball to squeak through. Try from two and four feet out.
- 6) For long putts, use the distance on the practice green. Start with your short putt routine and then hit three from 20 feet. Then three more. Then three more. Are they getting closer?
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Putting Tips For Green Reading

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Seven Tips For Better Green REadingBetter

- 1) as you approach the green look for slope (note that most greens slope back to front-I did say most!)
- 2) look for the grain. Treat it like slope. If the grain is away from you, it will be faster. If the grain is towards you, it will be slower.
- 3) look at the terrain. Grass grows towards the sea, towards a setting sun, away from mountains (tricky in a ravine), or with the direction of water supply.
- 4) think about moisture. Shaded, early morning, or evening greens can be slower. Goes for rain and sleet also.
- 5) think about sunshine. Sitting in the hot sun can dry and make a green faster.
- 6) watch the line of your partner’s putts. Enough said.

7) lastly, is the wind strong enough to have an effect?

Putting Tips For Success

Develop a routine for your putt.

- review the slope, grain, and layout of the green.
- estimate the distance.
- select your aiming point.
- setup your grip, feet, head, and putter head alignment.
- decide on your stroke for the distance.
- take a parallel practice swing.
- smile confidently to yourself.
- swing smoothly.
- wait.

Dropping Those Long Putts

15) When faced with a long putt, carefully study the green for overall slope, individual breaks, grain, wind speed and other factors that may influence your stroke. Having decided on the proper target line, pick a spot along the line a few feet in front of your ball and aim for that.

16) Once your feet and the face of your putter are squared to the target, begin to think in terms of speed and distance.

Try to visualize the ball rolling along the desired path and into the hole. Then make your putt with confidence.

17) Putt Like a Pendulum

Quiet Triangles - Lead & Lag

When putting, your hands should always be slightly ahead of the club head and the ball. Your arms and shoulders should form a triangle that moves in unison during your back swing and stroke-much like a pendulum. Just slide the club back without breaking your wrists and the forward again. Be sure to follow through straight along the line of your putt.

Why Worry About Your Putting?

When anything in your life makes up as much as 40% to 60% of the activity, you had better be focused on sound procedures and a successful outcome!

“Welcome Aboard!”

“Enjoy The Ride!”

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