

Putting - The Putting Stroke



The putting stroke is a pendulum type of stroke. No matter what grip you use, or putter you use, you want to maintain a simple back and forth swinging motion with no wrist movement.

To make putting easier it is best to try and only swing with the shoulders, leaving your lower body and head very still. That is why it is important to have your shoulders aimed correctly.

There are many different styles of putters, long, short, belly putters, etc. The best way to find out which is right for you is to experiment.

Putting Etiquette

If there is one place on the course that you should practice etiquette and know the rules it is on the putting green!!!!!!!

*Always repair ball marks and any others you may see

*Always try and be aware of where the other players balls or ball markers are on the green and be very careful not to walk on their line of intended putt.

*You are expected to mark your ball when you first get on the green, so always have a coin or ball marker in your pocket when playing, you may also clean your ball when you mark it and pick it up. Also, if you make a putt and it doesn't go in, either finish putting or mark it again and wait for your turn, again, be aware of where the other balls and ball markers are, you may have to mark a small putt in order to avoid stepping in some ones line of putt.

*It is a penalty to hit the flag stick when putting on the green, so always make sure the flag is out of the hole and laying off the green so that no one in the group will hit it.

*When in doubt and playing with people you don't know, just ask. You will find that most golfers are very nice and will help you out in any way that they can. It is better to ask than not know and do the wrong thing.

*If you take more than 3 putts, just pick the ball up and go to the next hole.

