

Putting

A putt is a shot that rolls along the putting surface, the green, and hopefully rolls into the hole. The putt is actually considered a "putting stroke" not a "putting swing".

The Putting Set up

* Putting is a very individual part of the game, there is no wrong or right way to putt. Putting takes practice, experimentation, and patience. There are 3 things that most good putters have in common, they are:

1. Their eyes are directly over the ball at set-up. (see reverse side for explanation)
2. Their shoulders are parallel to the line they want the ball to roll on.
3. They have very good distance control, meaning they know how hard to swing to make a ball go a certain distance to either get the ball in the hole, or at least close.

* There is no right or wrong way to grip the putter. Again, experimentation is the best way to find out which grip is right for you.

* There also is no right or wrong way to stand when putting, as long as your shoulders are aligned right, and your eyes are over the ball, you could stand on one leg if that helped you putt better. Again, experiment with different stances and see what works best.

* There are also many different styles of putters. The style of the putter you use will determine your stance, grip, and ball position.



Tips for Putting

- There are two things that affect a putt: the distance it needs to travel, and the direction it will travel. Of the two, distance is most important. Try and get good at controlling the distance. You can use this guideline when not sure - 1" equals 1 foot. Meaning that, if you need to make the ball roll 3 feet, take a 3" backstroke and a 3" through stroke. This usually comes out pretty close, most people way over swing the putter and go too far.
- Green reading is difficult and takes time to learn, knowing which way the ball will roll after you hit it takes a lot of practice and experience. Be patient and have fun learning.
- Putting can be frustrating for everyone. A great way to see different styles of putting is to watch the golf on television. You will see every kind of putting technique there is.