

# Putting: Speed is King

I would suggest that the main reason most golfers end up three putting or perhaps even taking more than 3 putts?

**Is due to misjudging the speed of** their putts more than getting the direction wrong.

Whilst failing to putt the ball along the correct line you won't hole many putts. Golfers are very rarely any worse than 1/2 a metre or slightly worse off line.

However I often see golfers finishing 6 to 10 feet short or long on their longer putts. Thus putting pressure on themselves to hole the next...or the next...or the next putt!

I feel the main reason behind this is that the weekday or weekend warrior fails to go through a proper pre shot routine when putting and rarely considers the actual speed required for the putt they are about to have.

Perhaps one reason for this is to save time or thinking that they aren't good enough to have a good look as the Professionals all do?

However as I tell my golfers; if you fail to prepare - then you need to prepare to fail!

And if you think taking a few extra seconds to have a proper look is the reason behind slow play, then you are decidedly incorrect. Taking too many shots will definitely increase two things, i.e. time and frustration!

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**01-03:** Another reason behind a golfer's inability to get the speed right is the fact that if they look then they usually only look from behind the ball as in Pic 1.

This is the equivalent of trying to work out how long your putter is as in pic 2.

See how it's hard to judge the length of the putter when looking from here. Also do you notice how much shorter the putter appears?

And of course the stats would also show us that most golfers finish short with their putts as demonstrated in pic 3. Hmmm....food for thought maybe?



← **04-06:** I'm sure if i were to ask you how long your putter was you'd do what I'm doing in pic 4 and take a look at it from the side?

From here not only can I see the true length of my putter but also if it is leaning down or up.

just as I can in pic 5 by getting down low and looking half way from the side which is also the low side of the putt.

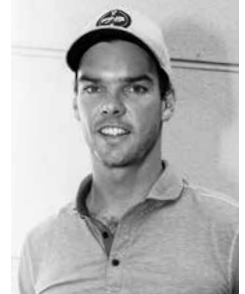
From here i let my brain and imagination do the mapping along with having a couple of practice swings to help match up the 'feel' for the appropriate stroke.

Please note that during this process my brain is very relaxed and my eyes are very soft enabling my imagination and instincts to take over.

It is my belief that everybody has the innate ability to imagine the appropriate speed that the ball needs to roll and is also then capable of matching the feel of the appropriate stroke thus finishing a lot closer with their first putts.

And that by giving themselves permission to take their time to go through this recommended process that they achieve much better results and of course a enjoy a whole lot more pleasure when putting....remember that you are worth it!

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