



**Putting is about focusing on the right thing at the right time.**

**This article will help you stop leaving your putts short of the hole.**

It's one of the most common problems golfers suffer with their putting – leaving putts short. And when you think about it – distance control is the one element of putting that the golfer has control over – YOU control how far you hit your putt – so why do you (and even the pros) keep leaving putts short of the hole?

To me, putting is about **focusing on the right thing at the right time**. And there are three basic “focus points” in the putting process – in this order:

1. Focus on your line
2. Focus on your putting stroke
3. Focus on **DISTANCE** – getting your ball to the hole.

The first thing you should do when you are on the green is focus on your putting line – determine it as best you can – then forget about it until you set up for your putt. Too often golfers will continue to think about their putting line – second guessing themselves – even at the moment they actually stroke their putt. And when this happens – if they are still thinking about and “second guessing” their line at the moment they actually putt the ball – they increase the chance they will not get their ball to the hole. And if they don't get their ball to the hole – then it doesn't matter what their line is does it? – because putts that end up short of the hole never go in!

The second thing you should focus on in the putting process is to reinforce your putting stroke – whatever that is for you. Whether you are a traditional putter or use a belly or long-shafted putter – take a few practice strokes to reinforce your technique to putt your ball on the line you have determined.

And the final thing you should be focused on in the putting process – the one and only thing you should be thinking about when you are over your putt and ready to pull the trigger – is getting your ball to the hole! Because if you are **FOCUSED** on that – you will have a better chance to achieve that which you are focused on – getting your ball to the hole.

So if you are leaving too many putts short – try **focusing on the right thing at the right time** – first focus on your line – then focus on your putting stroke – and finally the only thing you should be focused on when you actually putt your ball is getting it to the hole.

Remember – distance is just as important on the green as it is off the tee. And when I talk about “distance” on the green I’m not talking about how far you can hit your putt – I’m talking about how far you have to hit your putt. So focus on getting your ball to the hole when you actually stroke your putt and become a better putter!

**Tired of leaving your putts short of the hole?**

**Then start focusing on the right thing....at the right time.**