



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.