



Proper hand position key to successful putting

The set up at address governs the putting stroke. If you can get your hands directly underneath your shoulders, then you have a chance of taking the putter straight back. At the PGA TOUR Golf Academy, we feel the most consistent putting strokes swing the putter straight back and straight through. This drill checks your all-important hand/shoulder alignment.



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Correct Hand Position



Tie a weighted object at the end of a rope. I'm using car keys in these photos.

Secure the rope so that the line hangs down outside your arm. With the hands correctly placed directly underneath the shoulders, the rope should pass along the back of your hand.

Correct hand alignment under the shoulders, along with proper posture and grip, are vital elements for swinging the putter straight back and through.



Incorrect Hand Positions

The weighted line hangs between the ball and the hands. Cut putts are symptomatic of this incorrect hand position.

The weighted line hangs between the hands and body. With your hands in this position, the blade has a tendency to shut at impact.

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