

# Look Down the Line

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**W**hen you watch the pros play on television screen, you'll notice many of them having different putting styles. Some use long, belly putters while others take a wide stance with a shorter, flat stick.

Some common faults that I often see involve a split grip that makes for an unnatural swing, bent and tense arms which hinder a smooth pendulum motion and a very narrow stance that hinders stability and consistency.

When getting set up correctly for a putt, there are a few characteristics that are common with the world's best putters. The setup is extremely important as it allows you to be in position to make a solid and consistent stroke.

In order to send the ball down the target line, you must get your body into a position where your eyes are directly over the top of the ball. Here, I've used a CD to ensure that my eyes look straight over the ball. I can see the reflection of my face in the CD. Now I'm in the best position to look down the line and roll the ball in the hole.



Even though we are making a very simple, small swing, balance is still an important factor when putting. Make your stance as wide as your shoulders and feel your feet flatly on the ground. From this balanced position, place the club in the center of your body. Your arms should hang naturally from your shoulders as to help produce a true pendulum motion.

**R**emember, practise getting your body into this balanced, natural position with your eyes over the ball and watch more putts fall into the hole.