

Challenge Yourself for Better Putting By Trent Wearer

Statistics show that on the PGA Tour the average putts holed from six feet is around fifty percent. This is very surprising to most but is explainable when we realize that television broadcasts show only the top contenders in the tournament and they're making more of those six footers than the guy who failed to make the cut. That statistic tells us several things. One, we need to spend an ample amount of practice time rolling putts from six feet and in. Second, we need to make sure our longer putts and chips get closer to the hole. Truth is, we're always going to have a plethora of putts from fifteen feet and closer so the following game is a great way to challenge yourself while getting in practice that is more realistic in feel for the emotions of the game.



Begin by placing a tee in the ground at three feet, six feet, nine feet, twelve feet, and fifteen feet.

With the goal being to get to the 15-footer and make it, use one ball and start at three feet progressing further back each time you make one. For instance, if you make the 3-footer, move to the 6-footer. If you make it, move on to the 9-footer and so on. If you miss at any of the distances then you must start over from the 3-foot putt. Each time you putt from the 3-foot tee you are starting a new attempt at trying to complete the ladder. See how many attempts it takes you until you drain the 15-footer.