Articles and Tips - Eye Alignment (Credit Card Drill)



To make a consistent stroke in putting to the desired line, the eyes play a significant role.

When we set up to aim the putter on a right angle to the desired line, the eye line needs to match the line we intend to roll the ball down.

For example; if you have a straight putt from 10 feet and the putter is aimed in the middle of the hole, but the eyes are angled off to the right of the hole, the tendency of most players would be to swing the putter too inside out and miss putts to the right of the hole.

With this credit card drill you can check the eye alignment and give yourself the best chance to make more putts. First, find a straight putt on a putting green and use some clubs on the ground or a chalk line to get consistent aim of the putter. It might also be a good idea to aim the ball with a line on it. Even when using a range ball, they almost always have line on them.



◆ Once the work station is set up, hit some putts with a credit card in your teeth. Set up and aim the line on the putter to the line on the ball. Place the credit card in your teeth and see if you eyes are on that desired line.

In this photo, Trey is lined up with his eyes pointing to the right. Even though you can't see the line of the putt in this photo, you can see that his 'eye-line' is not in-line with his shoulders. And when Trey looks down at the edge of the credit card he can see that it points to the right of his putting line.

In this photo, you can see that his 'eye-line' is in line with his shoulders. And as he looks at the edge of the credit card, it lines up with his putting line. If the eyes are aligned properly it will give the best chance to deliver the putter back to the ball at a 90 degree angle to the target. Then of course it is all speed or distance control.



Go to dinner with great putters, Neil Wilkins