

Articles and Tips - Learning pace with the putter



I have often gone to the putting green to give a putting lesson with a digital metronome in my pocket. A digital metronome cost about \$20.00 and are available at any music store, it is the easiest way to teach putter pace. Let me explain. Set the metronome at 66 or 67 beats a minute, then try to get the length and the pace of the putter to match the beat. The shorter the putt, the shorter the stroke, and the slower the pace. The longer the putt, the faster the pace, and the longer the stroke. The key to consistent pace is to have the same amount of time in every stroke. I find that students swing the putter back to far and have to decelerate through the ball, or swing the putter back to short and have to much hit in the impact. Both mistakes just mentioned create poor distance control in putting.

Dave Pelz talks about from outside 100 yards the average player can control distance but direction suffers. From inside 100 yards it totally flip flops and the average player can hit it the right direction, but the distance is the main factor in scoring.

I believe with a little work with a metronome, you can get a feel for the pace and control the distance of the ball on the green.
