

9 Legal Ways to Cheat at Putting - Cheat Sheet

By Mister One Putt - Never 3 Putt Again!!

Print this. Take it to the course. These are the little wisdoms I teach in every in-person lesson.

1. Get the Free Green Read

When you miss a putt, watch how it rolls past the hole. Don't turn away. That roll gives you a free read for BOTH line and speed on the next putt. Same with chips and even approach shots.

2. When In Doubt, Add More Break

Until you get really good at green reading, miss to the high side. A ball with too much break is moving closer to the hole at the end. A ball with too little break is moving further away. High-side misses finish on average 3x closer.

3. Only 3 Aiming Points for 3-Footers

Don't overthink 3 footers. The aim point is inside edge, outside edge, or middle. That is it ever.

4. Make the Hole Larger with Perfect Speed

Forget "never leave a birdie putt short" and forget "17 inches past if you miss." Better speed increases the capture size of the cup. Right speed = the ball can fall from the sides.

5. The Hole is NEVER the Target

The hole is too big. And putts break and roll uphill or downhill. Pick a small spot - a blade of grass, a discoloration. Aim small to hole more.

6. Cut the Break In Half If It Straightens Near the Hole

If the putt is breaking early and then flat near the hole, cut the break you read in half. If it straightens or changes direction near the hole, gravity quits working there.

7. Uphill Breaks Less, Downhill Breaks More

Same slope, different speed. Downhill = more break, softer touch. Uphill = less break, firmer hit. Always pair line + pace.

8. MACRO: Make Every Putt the Same

Same routine on every putt. Mark and clean when you can. Always the same. My routine: Read the green, then aim the putt, then set up.

9. MICRO: The 8-Count - Kill Overthinking

Once you're over the ball, same 8 count every time for rhythm and tempo and clearing mental focus. Count, breathe, stroke. No mechanics. No thinking.

Here's to you holing more putts. Free PDF + Full System: EGOS Green Reading Masterclass