

Bee Line Putting String



The Bee Line Putting String provides a simple, portable way to practice most of the important elements of your putting stroke. The major aspects which can be addressed using the Bee Line are path, face angle, set-up and alignment, line reading, and stroke speed. All you do is simply go to the practice green, unroll the string, stick the Bee Line skewers into the green, extending the string between them. It is best, especially at first, to do this on a fairly level surface. Later, you can use the Bee Line to practice reading breaking putts also. It is not necessary to align the string to a hole, as the skewer at the end can be your target, but this target skewer can be placed directly behind a hole if you so choose.

Setting up the Bee Line

The Bee Line Putting String in use. Notice the eyes directly over the target line and the stance square to the hole. From this set-up you can easily see your stroke path and face alignment on every stroke.



Place your putter behind the ball, aligning the face to the Bee Line String. You may set the colored beads for length of backstroke and followthrough. It is recommended that the followthrough length be approximately twice the length of the backstroke.



Note that the target skewer can be placed directly behind the hole for more realistic results. Successful practice breeds confidence on the course.



The following photos demonstrate the various applications of the Bee Line Putting String:

1. Checking initial face alignment and set-up, ensuring good target orientation and placing eyes directly over the ball.



2. Checking face alignment during backstroke, as well as stroke path.



Opening on backstroke.



Closing on backstroke.



Square on backstroke.

3. Checking followthrough for squareness, path, and distance of followthrough using the colored beads on the Bee Line string.



Additional Guidelines and Drills

Consistent practice with the Bee Line Putting String will help you develop a putting stroke which contains all the elements of good putting. One beneficial way to practice is to spend half of your strokes actually watching the putter below the string to get maximum feedback about your stroke, and then half the time simply putting to a target, with less focus on the putterhead and the Bee Line string.. You will still get peripheral feedback from the Bee Line, but this type of practice will also help prepare you for on-course putting, where you must be target oriented.

A very useful way to work on your green reading is to place the Bee Line on the green aimed down a starting path for a breaking putt. For example, if you read a putt to break 6 inches, place the Bee Line so the target skewer is 6 inches to the side of the hole. When you set up to the Bee Line, you are aimed 6 inches outside the hole. Watch the results and adjust the Bee Line accordingly. Most people will find that they do not visualize enough break, requiring stroke compensations to adjust for mis-aiming. Practicing this drill will help you tremendously in learning to be a more effective green reader.