

MAKE THE PUTT

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Point your left palm toward your body at address for better contact and a purer roll



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THE “STRAIGHT-ROLL” PUTTING GRIP

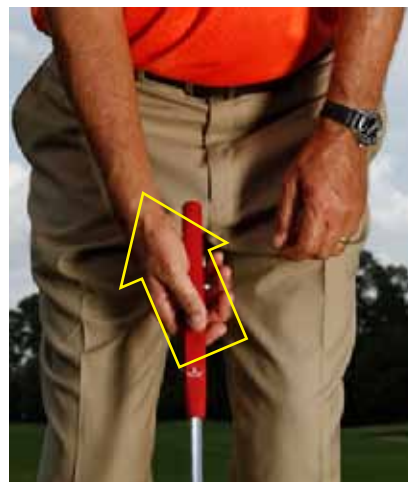
You tend to cut your putts, missing on the low side of the hole. You could have a green-reading problem, but the more likely culprit is an open putterface at impact. How do I know this? Because most players grip the putter like they do their irons and woods, with the left palm facing away the target. This weak left-hand position makes it harder to square the face, even on small putting strokes.

Strong Holds for Pure Rolls

Take this quick test: Stand straight up

with your arms dangling at your sides. Notice how your left palms points more toward your body. But when you take your grip, you rotate your left hand so that the left palm points directly away from the target. So not only are you gripping the club weakly, you're fighting your body's natural design. My advice? Rotate both hands to the right on the grip until your left palm points at your body, just like it does when you stand erect. This stronger grip will help you square the face at impact so your putts roll straight.

A stronger grip promotes square impact and a truer, on-line roll.



Place your right hand on the grip so that your thumb points at your right shoulder...



...then do likewise with your left hand so that your left palm points toward your body.

