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## Tip of the Week: Ditch the line on your golf ball for better putting

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When it comes down to it, using a line versus not using a line is really about personal preference. But is it really the *best* way to help dial in your putting aim?

GOLF Teacher Todd Casabella gives his thoughts. Use 3 spots instead of drawing a line on the golf ball.

- **Spot One:** Using a permanent marker, put a single dot on the ball, where there's the largest clean space without any writing, logos, or graphics.
- **Spot Two:** Mark your ball and then begin the green-reading process, getting a general idea of the green's slope. After doing so, now identify the point that you see the ball entering the hole. If it's helpful, many players use clock references to identify this point. For example, a straight putt would enter the hole at 6:00, and a putt with a lot of right-to-left break would enter the hole at 3:00.
- **Spot Three:** Place the ball back in its original position on the green and remove your ball marker. When doing this, make sure that the dot on the ball is on the very top and facing up.

Now step back and visualize the path that the ball will take to roll over spot two and into the hole. Once you see that path, visualize a spot on the ground that's about six to 18 inches in front of the ball that's on the same line and make your putt.