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PUTTING TURN 4-FOOTERS INTO TAP-INS

Build your confidence to hole more with these fantastic, easy drills

➔ **FAR TOO MANY HANDICAP** golfers practice their putting by chucking a couple of balls onto the practice green and aimlessly hitting to holes. This is unlikely to improve your technique and certainly won't increase your ability to hit accurate lag putts and hole out under pressure.

You use your putter far more than any other club in the bag – roughly four per cent of the shots you face – so cutting out those costly three-putts and holing a couple more mid-rangers every round will make a huge difference to your scores, and handicap.

This "45 putts" drill will test your

ability on a range of putts from three-40 feet and the scoring element will enable you to monitor your progress and become accustomed to putting under pressure. You can increase this pressure even further by adding a head-to-head competition element with a friend.

THE DRILLS AND POINTS SYSTEM THAT WILL LOWER YOUR SCORES...

How it works

Make sure the drills feature a mix of straight, uphill, downhill and right and left breaking putts. Try and complete the drill to the same holes every time so you can directly compare results and progress. Use only one ball at all times.

1. Distance putting

Each set of putts consists of one putt from 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 feet. Complete five sets of putts – that's 25 in total.

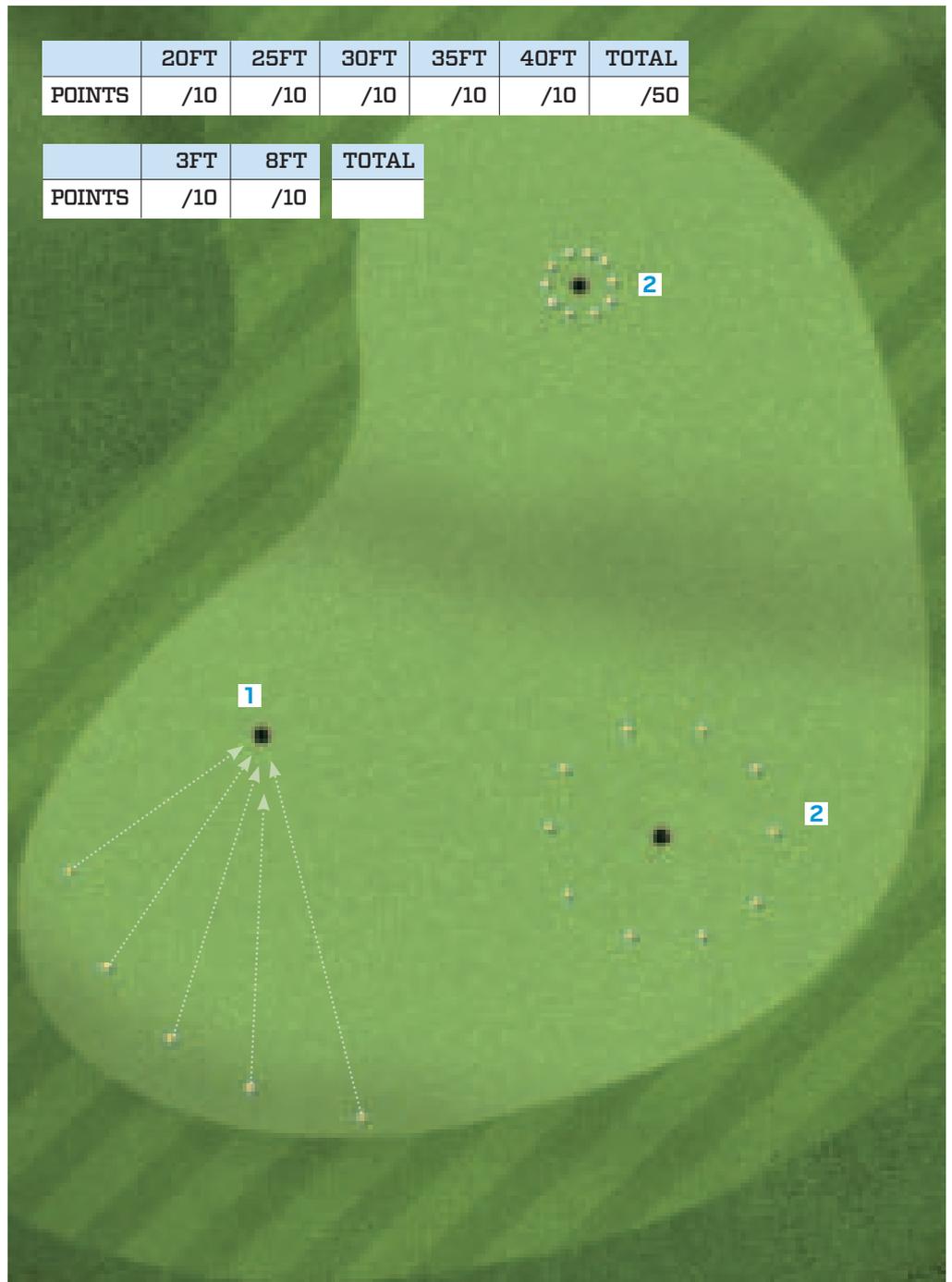
You score one point for every putt that finishes within a two-foot radius of the hole and two points for each holed putt. Record your score from each distance out of a possible 10.

2. Around the hole

Hit 10 putts from 10 different positions around the hole at three feet and eight feet away. You score one point for every holed putt and zero for a miss. Record your score from each distance out of a possible 10.

	20FT	25FT	30FT	35FT	40FT	TOTAL
POINTS	/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/50

	3FT	8FT	TOTAL
POINTS	/10	/10	



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