



ZERO LINE

Skill Development

Zero line is a common phrase that is used to describe a straight putt that is located around any given hole. If the putt is a “single slope putt” or in other words the slope around the putt goes one direction and is consistent then there should be a straight uphill and downhill putt located opposite each other somewhere around the hole.

The first task is to simply find the zero line or the straight uphill putt towards a hole. You can move around the hole and test various putts until you have successfully found this. When this putt is located and you are pointing straight uphill towards the hole, imagine you are standing at 6 o'clock on a clock face. The downhill putt will then be 12 o'clock on the clock face.

Once you have done this simply place a tee at approximately 10ft and the do to the opposite side of the hole (which should be a straight downhill putt) and do the same.

If you then stand at the tee that points straight up hill we will in fact know the direction that every putt around the hole will break. If you move in a circle to your right, every putt will break right to left until you reach the straight downhill putt (zero line). Anything to the left will break left to right until you reach the zero line.

Once you have found the zero line, gradually move around the hole and experiment with this idea. The biggest breaking putt will be positioned at 90 degrees to the zero line, and every other putt will be slightly less .

Straight Downhill

11

12

1

L - R
PUTTS

R - L
PUTTS

10

2

MAXIMUM BREAK

MAXIMUM BREAK

9

3

8

4

7

6

5

Straight Uphill

