



CLACTON ON SEA GOLF CLUB – STIMPMETER READINGS – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



The "stimp" or "stimp rating" of a putting green is a numerical value that represents how fast the golf ball rolls on the putting surface. Golfers call this rating the green speed. That value is based on a measurement taken with a simple instrument called a Stimpmeter (hence the terms stimp and stimp rating).

When golfers talk about how fast the greens are or the speed of the greens, they are referring to how easily the golf ball rolls across the green and, therefore, how hard they have to putt the ball to reach the hole.

Golfers use the term stimp as a noun, a verb or an adjective; for example:

- "What's the stimp on this green?"
- "The greens are stimping at 10.5 today."
- "This green's stimp rating is 11."

The Higher the Stimp Rating, the Faster the Greens

The stimp rating of green is given in the form of a number, which can be a single digit or reach into the lower teens. The key concept is this:

- The lower the stimp, the slower the greens
- The higher the stimp, the faster the greens

A green speed of 7 is generally considered very slow and is slower than a green speed of 9 (a moderate speed). A stimp rating of 13 or 14 is considered lightning-fast. Most PGA Tour venues have green speeds of around 12.

How the Stimp Number Is Determined

The Stimpmeter looks like a yardstick with a V-shaped track down the middle. It is basically just a small ramp down which golf balls are rolled. A golf course's superintendent or tournament officials measure green speed by rolling balls down the Stimpmeter onto a flat part of a green.

How far the balls roll determines the stimp rating. If a ball rolls 11 feet after leaving the ramp, that green is stimping at 11. Yes, it really is that simple.

Clacton on Sea Golf Club stimp readings – Wednesday 19th June 2019

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| 13th green | 10.5 |
| 17th green | 10.5 |
| 18th green | 10.0 |