

Coaching Tip: Where do I aim? – Murray Tinker

Here is a technique that can be used by all mallet sports players.

We all know that to hit a target ball straight as in fig (a) one must hit the strikers ball through the centre of the target ball. However how do we aim our shot when we want to cut a ball to a specific location?

This technique is taught to Billiard players but also applies to Croquet.

See fig (b).

For the yellow ball to be hit in the direction of the arrow it must be hit on the opposite side of the ball. The technique taught is to imagine a ghost ball sitting on the back of the yellow ball in line with the target. The player then aims to hit his/her ball through the ghost ball and the resulting shot if executed correctly will see the yellow ball cut in the desired direction.

Watch this youtube video <https://youtu.be/jEkpZSbOmE4>

