

Tutorials

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Making multi-hole windows Tutorial

This tutorial, for use with the Jack Nicklaus 5-6 Golf Designer, is meant to show you the basics on how to work with and create multi-hole windows!

I find it best to draw your plan on a piece of paper first. You need to be able to fit 2 holes in the window comfortably, while leaving enough room on the outside edges of the window to put your trees or whatever you plan to cover up the greenline with. We'll get to see how clever you are on mixing up your various holes in one window. Anyway, the designing part is all up to you, you can use shared fairways and other stuff like that too to be unique. You don't want all your hole windows to have one hole going the exact opposite the other. You want to mix up angles really good here. That's why you should draw them out first to get a better idea of what you want to do

This part is a little more difficult. Say you design your first hole (we'll say hole #1) toward the bottom side of the first window. Say the hole on the top half is #18. You probably want to do this so you can have your clubhouse in sight for #1 and #18 like in real life. Now when your getting ready to lay down the top half (#18) you need to move the black tee circle all the way over to the new area on the top half where you want your black tee to be. Than move your pin circle (not the actual pin itself) to the new area where you want your new green to be. Now say hole #1 is a par 4 and #18 is too. You won't have to do anything else but start laying your fairway down and the rest of the design. Let's say you wanted #18 to be a par 3. You would just delete the shot point so you can make your yardage's correct. If #18 were a par 5 than you would add a shot point. You add /delete shot points by placing your cursor over the lines from your tee circle too your green circle and right click, the window will pop up for you to choose one of these options. When you're all done designing your first hole window (holes #1 and #18) move your tee circles, shot point circles, and green circles back to hole #1 (bottom half of the window) like they were to begin with. Add all your extra pin placements to hole #1 only. If you can see hole #18 tee boxes from hole #1 green than you can add the colored tee ball objects to #18 tee boxes (from another course- just save them into your course folder and make sure you add them to your .ini file as well). At the same time, If you can see the 18th green from hole #1 tee boxes, add an adjacent flag to the green (this is a JN5 stock object so you can get it under view - other). Now you have the entire window designed and hole #1 all ready to go. Let's get 18 ready to go.

Listen to this very carefully. You don't do anything at all to the first window any more until your done with hole #17. If you start getting your holes out of order it's a big pain to get them right again. So I suggest this. Design your holes in order. Do them this way. You have #1 and #18 all done. Now this can get tricky. If you design the next window as #2 and #3 than your going to do this.

After getting the window that holds #2 and #3 done, you should have only 2 windows in your course window. That's great. Now since you made #2 and #3 your going to copy this hole and paste it in the same course window. **SAVE COURSE IMMEDIATELY!!** If you do anything else after pasting this hole before saving it your out of luck, you would have just screwed your course up with no way to fix it. You must save right after you add another hole to the course window either by doing what you just did or taking it from another course (called importing a hole). Don't forget this or you will be one sorry person. I found out the hard way so I know. Also do this (very important as well). Open up your explorer again and find your course folder (say your course name is My G.C.). Click once on your course to highlight it but don't open it. Right click to copy your course and than click twice (slowly) to rename this new exact copy. Name it My.beta or something similar to the original name, but something your going to recognize as this backup safety folder. You just might thank me one day for this. Always create a backup course folder and than save your work to this copy every time you save it to the first one as well. Just overwrite the files every time. Say yes to all when it asks this.

OK - now let's say your second window was hole #2 and #17 (depending on your course routing). You do all these same steps but you do not copy and paste the second hole in this window (#17) just like you didn't copy and paste #18 either. As your going along designing these windows, you only copy and paste to keep the hole numbers in order. So let's say you pair your holes in windows like this:

Hole #01 & Hole #18..... (Window #01)
Hole #02 & Hole #17.....(Window #02)
Hole #03 & Hole #04.....(Window #03)
Hole #05 & Hole #06.....(Window #04)
Hole #07 & Hole #08.....(Window #05)
Hole #09 & Hole #10.....(Window #06)
Hole #11 & Hole #12.....(Window #07)
Hole #13 & Hole #14.....(Window #08)
Hole #15 & Hole #16.....(Window #09)

- * Create Window #1 like we did above (do not copy/paste but save)
- * Window #2 ...the same - do not copy and paste
- * Window # 3 you will copy/paste because their in order(do you see how we're going)
- * You will copy and paste all the way till you get to Window #9 (holes 15 & 16)

Now you should have 16 windows by this time after you copy and paste (saving every time) and they should be in order. You should have holes 1 through 16. Now all you do is click on Window #2 (holes 2 & 17) and then copy/paste that one. Save it again (always). Now do the same for Window #1 and hole 18#. Save.

Next, you have to go to each hole 1 - 18 and either add the tee ball objects or delete them and same with flags. You also have to add all your pin placements to each hole and move your tee, shot point, and green circles to the appropriate place on the copied holes

Once you do it a few times it gets less confusing. Never forget to save work while designing and never forget to save to the backup course folder either.
All it takes is that one time and you'll be kicking your self in the head.

Good luck! -MtnMan

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