

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

As our chapter continues to grow it becomes a bit tougher to manage our way around the golf course. One piece of etiquette that all members should be aware of is their "pace of play", as there's nothing that can ruin a fun day on the golf course like having to stand around and wait before each shot. The following suggestions are provided as information. See if you can incorporate some of these ideas into your game so as to make each of our outings a fun time for all.

1. Be ready to tee off on your first tee box at the assigned start time.
2. It does not matter where the group behind you is positioned – your goal is to keep up with the group in front of you.
3. Be ready to hit your shot when it is your turn. Play "ready golf"! If you are ready to hit your next shot, and the other players in your foursome are not, play the shot even if it is not your turn.
4. If you are playing a "team" game (i.e. Shamble format) and it is evident that you are out of the hole and cannot help, pick up your ball and move on.
5. Carry an extra ball in your pocket to avoid having to go back to your cart for a ball if you need to hit a provisional ball or you enter a hazard.
6. Watch all errant shots, yours and those of your playing partners so they are easier to find.
7. Hit a provisional ball if there is any possibility that your ball is out of bounds or lost.
8. While driving to the next shot, be alert for distance markers to assist with club selection when you reach your ball.
9. Drop your cart partner off at his/her ball and proceed to your ball so you both are ready to hit. Or, park your cart between your ball and your cart partner's ball if they are relatively close so that you may both quickly walk to your respective balls.
10. Line up your shot/putt while others are playing – be prepared and ready when it's your turn to play.
11. When it's your turn to putt, putt out whenever possible.
12. The first person to putt out should get ready to put the flag in the hole as soon as all are finished putting.
13. Do not wait for the ball on the green to be marked if they are not interfering with your chip onto the green or your putt.
14. Wait until you stop at the next tee box to mark down your scores or to put your clubs in your bag.