

Suggestions for Speeding up Play



Slow play negatively affects the enjoyment of playing a round of golf. A respectful pace of play is an important element in having a good experience at the golf course. It is also an important factor in how our league is perceived by the courses when we schedule re-plays. It's often a combination of little things not being done that wind up contributing to slow play and on-course traffic jams. Remember: pace of play isn't about rushing your shots; it's about being ready to play your stroke when it's your turn, and behaving efficiently on the course. **Think about it – just 50 seconds per hole equates to 15 minutes per round either saved or wasted, depending on how you play.**

Here are some tips to help keep it moving.

PACE OF PLAY – the goal is 4 ½ hours or less.

- Keep up the pace. If more than one hole is open in front of you skip a hole.
- Be aware of the group behind you. Let them “Play Through” if you are holding them up.
- Maximum 3 strokes over par on any hole - pick up your ball!
- **MULLIGANS** - If you choose to play mulligans, please limit them to 1 per nine holes.

CHOOSE THE BEST TEE BOX FOR YOU

‘Tee it Forward’ for a more enjoyable round. Use this guideline to determine which tee box distances to play from based on your average driving distance.

<u>Your average driving yards</u>	<u>Play from Tee Box with Total Yards</u>
150	3,700
175	4,500
200	5,200
225	5,800
250	6,300

PLAY READY GOLF

- Always be ready to hit your shot from tee to green.
- No need to wait for honors on the tee box, especially with groups playing from mixed tees.

IN THE FAIRWAY

- Don't just sit in the cart waiting for others to hit if your next shot is within walking distance. Move to your ball with a club while staying out of their line of sight, and be ready when it's your turn.
- Cart path only - Bring several clubs and extra balls when moving to or searching for your ball.
- OB or lost Ball – limit searches to 3 minutes. Drop a ball at the point you think it was last in play and take a penalty stroke without loss of distance (no need to go back to Tee Box).
- Everyone doesn't have to look for your ball. Other players should hit their ball first then help look.
- Do not waste time by collecting other golf balls in the rough or water hazards.
- Leave the fairway as quick as possible. Cleaning/returning clubs to bag can be done greenside.

ON THE GREEN

- Quickly fix ball marks, and then “tend the flag” if you are closest to hole.
- Line up your putt in advance of your turn and be ready to putt.
- It's OK to immediately putt-out after a close lag. No need to wait for others who are “away”.
- Briskly walk off the green, especially if the following group is waiting in the fairway.
- Immediately drive away from the green area, and then record scores at the next tee box.