

## *Pace Of Play*

The following is meant to inform players about *simple ways to quicken pace of play*. No one likes to be considered a slow player, nor do they want to feel rushed while enjoying a round of golf.

1. ***Always be aware of the gap*** between you and the group ahead. There should not be more than half a hole open in front of you (or one shot depending on how far you hit the ball).
2. ***Play ready golf***. You have 40 seconds to take your shot.
3. Get all items (tees, ball mark tools, and ball markers) ready before your round. Put some in your pocket.
4. On the tee, ***pay attention to your partners' drives***. If they lose sight of their ball, you can help direct them to it and avoid any searching.
5. When waiting on the tee for the group in front to clear the fairway, don't be so strict about order of play. ***Let the short hitter - who can't reach the group ahead anyway - go ahead and hit***.
6. ***Carry a spare ball*** when a provisional may be necessary.
7. ***If you are unsure whether your ball has come to rest out of bounds***, or may be lost, ***immediately hit a provisional ball*** so that you won't have to return to the spot to replay the shot.
8. ***Do not spend too much time looking for a lost ball***, particularly if there is a group behind you ready to play. If you insist on taking the full three minutes allotted in the rulebook to look for lost balls, golf etiquette says wave up the group behind to allow them to play through.
9. ***Don't let conversations interfere*** with the order of play.
10. If you are driving, ***drop the passenger off at this/her ball*** and drive to your ball.
11. If you are passenger, ***don't wait for the driver to pick you up***. Continue walking down the hole until he/she catches up with you but be aware of where you are walking – watch the other golfers in your group and stay out of their way.
12. ***Don't wait until after other players in your group have hit to begin preparing for your shot***. Get the yardage, select a club and be ready as soon as it is your turn.
13. If using a cart on a ***cart path only day***, ***take more than one club with you*** when you walk from the cart to your ball. Getting to the ball only to find out you don't have the right club is a huge time-waster on the golf course.
14. Never place a rake near another rake in a bunker. ***Locate the nearest rake and take it into the bunker with you before your shot***.
15. If your next shot is a short wedge or a pitch, also ***take your putter*** to your ball.
16. ***Line up your putt before*** it is your turn, so you are ready.
17. If you are the ***first to hole your putt***, ***pick up the flag***, so that you can replace it when the last player holes his/her putt.
18. ***Park carts on path between the green and shortest distance to the next tee***. This applies to both pushcarts and driving carts. Never park a pushcart in front of the green. Always park to the side so you can easily grab it and start walking to the next hold. ***Never record scores at the green***. Always record it at the next tee. After your last hole, ***clear the green immediately***.