

TIPS FOR SPEEDING THE PACE OF PLAY

GENERAL

- Confirm your tee time and arrive 15-20 minutes prior and use that time to ready yourself and equipment
- Never delay a stroke due to conversation
- If not keeping score the other players should be playing READY GOLF
- Never record scores at the green-Do it at the next tee
- Don't ask your playing partners to help search for a lost ball, unless you are certain there is time. If the course is crowded your partners should hit their shot and then if possible aid in your search
- Save tips for playing partners for the driving range
- Work on building a short concise pre shot routine, if possible begin the routine while others are hitting
- Leave your cell phone in the car
- Carry tees, ball markers and an extra ball in your pocket
- Play READY GOLF, order of play based on who is ready rather than who is away
- Volunteer to fill a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others
- Use the time you spend getting to your ball to think about your next shot
- Find ways to work around your slowest player. They agonize over every shot, then stand over the ball as though they are waiting for something. Chances are you're not going to change them, so you might as well work tactfully around them. If you're driving, take the slow hitter to his ball first, let him select a club, then head over to your ball with a friendly, "Be right back for you!" If they are behind the wheel, when you get to your ball, grab the club you need and tell them, in a friendly tone, "Go ahead on—I'll catch up to you."
- Not everyone in the group needs to use their range finder especially on par threes-share the info
- When playing in a team game and your score is not going to count on a hole, pick up once you've reached your ESC #

TEE BOX

- If unsure about a lost ball or out of bounds always hit a provisional ball
- Pay attention to your playing partners drives
- When waiting on the tee for the group in front to clear, let shorter hitters who cannot reach the group hit first

CARTS

- Don't wait in the cart while your cart mate hits. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn. Your cart mate can then pick you up, or drive to your ball after dropping off your cart mate and then pick him up
- When cart path only, take more than one club to your ball
- Park carts behind the green when possible but always beyond the flag
- Put clubs away at the next stop while pulling clubs

ON THE GREEN

- Begin reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. You should be ready to putt when it's your turn
- Don't bother marking lag putts if it's short enough. Putt out if you won't trample another's line
- When chipping around the green carry your putter with you
- Be certain to place any clubs you carry to the green between the flag and the path to your cart
- Play READY GOLF when practical. Others can putt when waiting for someone to chip

PACE OF PLAY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY