

# Some idea's to help with pace of play!

Guys please take the time to read these ideas on how to improve the pace of play. There is no reason why a foursome should not be able to play each hole in 15 minutes (4 1/2 hour pace) no matter what the group handicap is. We are having some groups taking almost 5 and half hours to play a round. That is unacceptable.

1. As soon as you are done bring your card in, don't sit in the parking lot and talk and clean your shoes and put your clubs away etc. Someone is waiting to get your scorecard so they can leave.
2. When two players are riding in a cart, drive the cart to the first ball and drop off the first player with his club choice of club. The second player should proceed in the cart to his ball. After the first player hits his stroke, he should begin walking toward the cart as the second golfer is playing.
3. 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.
4. Begin reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to start the process of reading the green. Do it as soon as you reach the green so that when it's your turn you can step right up and putt.
5. Never delay making a stroke because you're having a conversation with a playing partner. Put the conversation on hold, make your stroke, then pick up the conversation again.

6. After hitting your drive or your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, don't stand there fussing with your head covers or cleaning your clubs. Keep the club in your hands drive to the next shot then do whatever you need to do.
7. Mark your scorecard after reaching the next tee, not while lingering on or near the just completed green.
8. On the tee, pay attention to your playing partners drives and approach shots. If they lose sight of their ball, you can help direct them to it and avoid searching.
9. 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 shorter hitters hit first.
10. Limit practice strokes to one or two at the most.
11. If at all possible don't bother marking lag putts go ahead and putt out if it's short enough and you won't be trampling on another player line.
12. Be aware, if there is no one in front of you and the group behind you is waiting on every shot,(tee shot, approach shot). You are behind pace of play. You need to somehow pick up the pace.
13. We have all at one time or another been behind a slow group, and know the feeling of frustration. Don't be that slow group have some consideration for your fellow golfers.