

Picking Up The Pace

What if all golfers could shave a minimum of 30 minutes from each round? There are some simple ways to pick up the pace! **Be Ready and Be Aware of Your Surroundings!**

Be ready move quickly between shots and be aware of the players in your group and when it's your turn to play.

Be aware of the group ahead of you. You should never have an entire open hole in front of you! If you do, close the gap by moving faster to avoid penalty.

Be aware of players behind you so they aren't having to wait. Clear the fairway or green so the group behind you can keep up too!

If there is a "secret" to a better pace of play it has to be just getting to your ball, determining who's ready to hit, communicating who's going to hit, and swinging away!

Forget what you see on Tour on TV! Let's face it - you and I don't play with Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or Vijay Singh. There is no need to change your mind three times about which club you are going to hit and then take six practice swings each time you address the ball. If you must read greens from both sides and sideways, do it as soon as you can, whether it is your turn, or before your turn!

Playing Ready Golf

On the Tee

- Tee off as soon as the group ahead is clear.
- The player who is ready should hit.
- Carry an extra ball in your pocket on holes with a more-than-usual opportunity for a lost ball
- Hit a provisional ball if your first ball appears to be in trouble.

On the Fairway

- Don't everyone "cluster" at one ball. Go to your own ball!
- Hit when ready without delay.
- If you see another player is ready to hit, whether you're away or not, point to them to go ahead. Take your practice swings now if it does not disturb the player hitting. Watch their shot land if it's a possibility for a lost ball, then go through your routine and swing away.
- If you are the first one at your ball and you're ready to safely hit, let the others know that you are hitting.
- Have your group watch where each shot goes.
- If you are more than 20 yards from a lost ball, hit your shot first before helping search for the ball.
- Limit lost ball search to 3 minutes.

On the Green

- Place your clubs between the green and the next tee.
- If the furthest away has not yet reached his ball or read his putt and others are ready to putt, they should go ahead and putt while the away player makes a read.
- Study your putt while others are putting.
- Continue putting until holed out. Don't mark unless you will step on someone's line or it's a really tricky putt.
- Leave the green immediately after holing out and proceed to the next tee. Discuss your shots later! Complete your scorecard after you're off the green, preferably as your walking to your next hole.