



# 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!**

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, Dustin Johnson or Jordan Spieth. 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!

It is recommended that all players utilize the tactics listed below throughout the entire round in all levels of play.

## 1. Maximum Number of Practice Swings

- All players will be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.

## 2. Must, Must, May

- MUST – The first player to finish playing a hole MUST immediately grab their bag and start making their way to the next tee.
- MUST – This player MUST also be the first person to play from the next teeing ground.
- MAY – This player MAY tee off prior to the rest of his/her group arriving to the tee and if the landing area is clear.

## 3. Play "READY GOLF"

## Playing Ready Golf

### On the Tee

- When the area surrounding the player is clear, he/she may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is her/his turn to 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.
- Walk with a purpose!

### 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 you're walking to your next hole.