



## IMPROVING PACE OF PLAY

### On the Tee

Make a point of arriving at the tee early with your golf equipment in order and ready to play.

Our course is a 9-hole course and therefore priority on the first tee goes to players who are playing the 9th and about to continue their round from the tenth. This means that if you see a group on, or approaching, the 9th / 18th green you should enquire if they are playing on, or if they are finishing their round. Thereafter players take it in turns to tee off the 1st / 10th.

If it is your honour, make sure you are first to the tee and play as soon as it is safe to do so.

It is usually acceptable for players to 'hit when ready' provided it is safe to do so.

Leave the tee as soon as the last player has played.

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 hitter who can't reach the group ahead go ahead and hit.

You can save time by playing a provisional ball if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.

Complete your scorecard for the previous hole while your partners are teeing off.

### On The Fairway

Once you have hit your tee shot, start planning your next shot.



Walk down the fairway to your ball as quickly as possible. Sauntering along is unfair to your partners, and players behind you.

If your partner is to play first, then select your club, and be ready to play as soon as he/she has played his/her shot.

If your ball looks difficult to find, or may be out of bounds, play a provisional.

### **On the Putting Green**

If you are closest to the hole, it is your responsibility to tend the flagstick for others.

If you need to clean your ball, mark your ball, and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play.

Look for the 'line' of the putt as your partners do the same so that you are ready to putt when it is your turn.

Repair any pitch marks on the green.

When you have holed out, wait until the next tee to mark your card.

### **General Play**

Remain still and keep silent when your partners are taking their shots.

Try to be out of the vision of your partners when they are taking their shots. Do not stand directly behind them.

In sunny conditions, be aware of the effect of your shadow, especially around the greens.

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own.

Replace divots on the fairway or rough.

Rake the bunker after your shot.

Volunteer to replace a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed.

Once on the fairway, help others to look for their ball if you already know the location of yours.

Work on building a concise pre-shot routine. If your pre-shot routine is a lengthy one, it's probably in your best interest to shorten it.

Limit practice strokes to one or two at the most.

If you are playing in a three ball, and you all save 15 seconds on the tee, fairway and green, then you will reduce the time for a round by 40 minutes.

Always be mindful of groups of players around you. If a group is close behind you and there is space in front, let them play through.

Leave your clubs convenient for collecting on the way to the next tee. Do not leave them on the middle of the fairway.

You only have three minutes to look for your ball.

Remember, your speed determines the speed of every group behind you.

Match Play, Stableford and other formats such as fun competitions do not require you to hole out on every hole.

### **Medal and Stableford Competitions**

If you are playing in a Medal or Stableford Competition, the player with the lower/ lowest handicap tees off first.

Thereafter, in a Medal the player with the lowest gross score on the previous hole will have the honour.

If you are playing Stableford it will be the player with the most stableford points from the previous hole that plays first.

For medal or stableford competitions you can only play as a 2 ball or 3 ball, for speed of play reasons.

### **Match Play**

On the first tee the player at the top of the draw has the honour.

A visiting team to the club usually takes the honour too.

Thereafter the player/pair who wins the hole takes the honour on the next tee.