



HELPFUL TIPS FOR SPEED OF PLAY

These tips have nothing to do with rushing your play, but rather with simply being ready to play, & with using common sense and good etiquette on the course.

- **Play “Ready Golf”** – order of play is based on who is ready, not on who is away. Use the time you spend getting to your ball to think about the next shot, the yardage & club selection. When you reach your ball you'll need less time to figure out the shot.
 - **Look ahead – NOT behind – Keep up!!!**
 - **Take extra clubs – never walk back & forth**
 - **Forget “TV golf” – line up your shot / putt before you turn to play**
Begin reading the green & 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 & putt. Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead & putt out if it's short enough & you won't be trampling on another player's line.
 - **Move & park the cart to the (next) tee side of the green**
- **Get off the green & onto the next tee** – when leaving the green & returning to your golf cart, don't stand there fussing with your putter or other clubs. Get in the cart, drive to the next tee, & put away your putter.
 - Likewise, mark your scorecard after reaching the next tee, not while lingering on, or near, the just-completed green.
- **If a ball is lost** – don't ask your playing partners to help you search for a lost ball unless you are absolutely certain there is time for them to do so (e.g., there is no group behind waiting). If the course is crowded, your partners should continue moving forward, not slowing things down further by stopping to help your search.
 - **Leave your cell phone in the car!!!**
- **If you lose your way – PICK UP! The next hole is a new start**