

# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

# **Allotted Time Range:**

• 4 hrs 12 minutes: 13 minute par 3s, 14 minute par 4s, and 15 minute par 5s.

• 3 hrs 54 minutes: 12 minute par 3s, 13 minute par 4s, and 14 minute par 5s.

# **Definition of "Out of Position"**

- Behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart;
- Reaching the teeing ground of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee;
- Reaching the teeing ground of a par-4 hole <u>and</u> the putting green is clear;
- Reaching the teeing ground of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

# Notification for Out of Position - Consideration will be made for the Number of Players in the Group

The Starters and Rangers are engaged to ensure the pace of play is maintained for the benefit of all. If the Starter, Ranger, or Golf Staff asks you to increase your pace, please conform without question. The Rangers have been given clear instructions and all members should respect their role.

If a group is out of position, the players in that group will be notified by the Ranger, monitored, and timed. The Ranger will take into consideration the position and makeup of the groups ahead and behind.

#### Timing

When a group is being monitored and timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when they have had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and other ball marks on their line of putt and remove loose impediments on their line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the stroke.

### **Rulings or Other Incidents**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timing of more than the allotted time will be carried over for the remainder of that round if the group requires additional monitoring.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The Ranger reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when they deem it necessary. The Grievance Committee will issue written warnings and implement disciplinary action against any Member who refuses to follow the Pace of Play guidelines or is aggressive, rude, or insulting to the Staff. *Remember, their role is to ensure everyone has an enjoyable round without undue delay.* 

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# Tips to Speed Up Pace of Play

- Play ready golf, as opposed to waiting for your playing partners to play their shot.
- Play a provisional ball if you think your ball might be lost.
- Pick up your ball and move on if your score is beyond equitable stroke control limits.
- Allow the group behind to play through if you expect a delay.
- Help to watch each other's shots
- Keep up with the group in front of you and stay ahead of the group behind you
- Don't be afraid to encourage others in your group to pick up the pace all you need to say is "We're falling a bit behind. We need to pick up the pace."
- When riding in a cart, drop off your partner and go to your ball while they are hitting
- If riding in a cart, after hitting a shot, keep the club in your hand and replace it in the bag after the cart stops at its next position
- When parking a cart or push cart, take extra clubs to your next shot, especially around the green
- When your ball is on or near the green, always park or put your cart, push cart, bag or extra clubs between the green and the next tee box
- Read your putt while others are reading theirs, do not wait until it is your turn
- If you miss a putt, then finish out short putts rather than marking
- Never make the last person putting replace the flagstick (if it is even taken out)
- Always write down scores at the next tee box, never at the putting green

Thank you for your cooperation.