

Pace of Play Expectations

The general expectation is that we should finish 100% of our rounds in less than 4:30 minutes, which is elapsed time from first drive struck to last putt holed. That works out to 15 minutes a hole on average.

In general, you're on time if you can see the group playing ahead of you on the fairway or green (depending on the length of the hole). The reference point is not the group behind you – you should keep up with the group ahead. Folks hitting into you from behind is a completely different problem.

Tips for quick play:

- 1) When you park your carts at the green, always park them as far around the back as you reasonably can. Grab your favorite chipping club and putter and walk back to your ball. Don't park 10 yards from the green, hit a chip, walk back to the cart, move the cart 25 yards, grab a putter, and putt out. It is much faster to drive directly to the back of the green, grab putter and chipping club and walk back to your ball. If a cart partner is short of the green drop him off with the clubs he needs (including putter) and go park the cart (at back of green). Your group will move much more quickly using this approach.
- 2) Leave any extra clubs right on the path back to the cart (not at the front of the green).
- 3) When you complete a hole, clear the green quickly.
- 4) If you're playing a scramble format, don't waste time looking for errant tee shots in the junk. Sacrifice the ball and move on.
- 5) Be ready to hit when it is your turn. Have your club, know your distance and be lined up and ready to go. No need to rush, but do be ready to go as soon as the previous player has hit. Try to take no more than 30 seconds to hit your ball.
- 6) Concede short putts when reasonable, particularly in scramble formats.
- 7) Don't spend too long reading and consulting on putts. Don't rush, but don't have a conference over every 8-footer.
- 8) Start the round with tees, balls, ball marks and green repair tool in your pocket.
- 9) Record scores on the next tee, not the green.
- 10) If sharing a cart, don't drive to the first ball, wait for the first player to hit, then head to the second ball. Drop the first player off at his ball, drive on ahead to the second ball. The first player should walk over to the cart as the second player is playing his shot.
- 11) On the green, begin lining up your putt and reading the break as soon as you reach the green. When it's your turn to putt, be prepared to step right up and take the stroke.