Suggestions for Speeding up Play

Slow play negatively affects the enjoyment of playing a round of golf. A respectful pace of play is an important element in having a good experience at the golf course. It is also an important factor in how our league is perceived by the courses when we schedule re-plays. It’s often a combination of little things not being done that wind up contributing to slow play and on-course traffic jams. Remember: pace of play isn’t about rushing your shots; it’s about being ready to play your stroke when it’s your turn, and behaving efficiently on the course. Think about it – just 50 seconds per hole equates to 15 minutes per round either saved or wasted, depending on how you play.

Here are some tips to help keep it moving.

PACE OF PLAY – the goal is 4½ hours or less.
• Keep up the pace. If more than one hole is open in front of you skip a hole.
• Be aware of the group behind you. Let them “Play Through” if you are holding them up.
• Maximum 3 strokes over par on any hole - pick up your ball!
• MULLIGANS - If you choose to play mulligans, please limit them to 1 per nine holes.

CHOOSE THE BEST TEE BOX FOR YOU
‘Tee it Forward’ for a more enjoyable round. Use this guideline to determine which tee box distances to play from based on your average driving distance.

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PLAY READY GOLF
• Always be ready to hit your shot from tee to green.
• No need to wait for honors on the tee box, especially with groups playing from mixed tees.

IN THE FAIRWAY
• Don’t just sit in the cart waiting for others to hit if your next shot is within walking distance. Move to your ball with a club while staying out of their line of sight, and be ready when it’s your turn.
• Cart path only - Bring several clubs and extra balls when moving to or searching for your ball.
• OB or lost Ball – limit searches to 3 minutes. Drop a ball at the point you think it was last in play and take a penalty stroke without loss of distance (no need to go back to Tee Box).
• Everyone doesn’t have to look for your ball. Other players should hit their ball first then help look.
• Do not waste time by collecting other golf balls in the rough or water hazards.
• Leave the fairway as quick as possible. Cleaning/returning clubs to bag can be done greenside.

ON THE GREEN
• Quickly fix ball marks, and then “tend the flag” if you are closest to hole.
• Line up your putt in advance of your turn and be ready to putt.
• It’s OK to immediately putt-out after a close lag. No need to wait for others who are “away”.
• Briskly walk off the green, especially if the following group is waiting in the fairway.
• Immediately drive away from the green area, and then record scores at the next tee box.