

SPEED OF PLAY

During the course of a game. Speed of play is extremely important. A golfer should always be ready to play her shot when it is deemed her turn. If possible, without disrupting or getting in the way of another golfer, always move to your ball as soon as possible. Do not wait for others to hit and then decide it's time to find and prepare to hit your ball. Club selection, target, etc. should be determined while waiting for others to hit. If this is done, it should take no more than 30 seconds for you to hit your ball once it becomes your turn!

HINTS FOR SPEEDING UP PLAY

- Never park your cart in front of the green when you are on the green. It should be on the side of the hole heading to the next tee.
- Never write scoring at the green you just completed. Move to the next tee and then record scores.
- Take a maximum of two minutes to look for a lost ball.
- Play ready golf! In a tournament, always let the person with the lowest last score tee off first but during daily competition determine with your group that ready golf will be played.
- Don't take too many practice swings. Be respectful of everyone's time.
- Keep up with the group ahead of you. If you are lagging behind, speed up.
- Do not leave your cart too far away from you when hitting your ball in the fairway.
- Be at the course in plenty of time to be on the tee when it's your turn.
- Have an extra ball in your pocket in case you go out of bounds or lose a ball.
- The first person to the hole should be the person to pick up the flag and be ready to put the flag in the hole when all others have putted out.
- During winter rules, have a small towel with you to clean your ball if needed instead of going to your cart to clean it.

If we all keep these hints in mind, we can enjoy the game and the other people who are playing with us and on the course.

“Etiquette is not a rule but rather how others perceive you on the course and, eventually, how willing others are to play with you.”

(Quote from golfexpert.com)