



Pace of Play

The following guidelines have been approved by the Club committees which, if followed, will improve pace without sacrificing the enjoyment of your game.

Slow Play

The Club's policy on submitting and adjudicating on complaints of slow play is also set out.

Starting Clock

This clock is in place to manage starting times on the first tee. It has a count-down of 8 or 10 minutes (This may change depending on the intervals advised under public health guidance applying at any particular time). Please be on the tee box as soon as the group ahead has teed off and then wait for the clock to advise your start time by displaying "GO NOW". Do not tee off just because the way ahead may be clear; wait for the instruction from the clock.

Ready Golf

"Ready Golf" is strongly encouraged. On the tee box the order of play is based on who is ready, not who has the honour. For subsequent shots be at your ball ready to play your shot as soon as it is safe to do so.

Calling Through

All players must maintain their place in the field, which is immediately behind the group in front and not ahead of the group behind. Should your group fall a clear hole behind the group in front and is delaying the groups behind, you must invite the group behind to play through (irrespective of the number of players in that group).

Looking for your Ball

If you think your ball may be hard to find, or it may be out of bounds, please play a provisional ball.

No more than three minutes is allowed to search for a ball. If you cannot find your ball in three minutes you must proceed by enforcing the golf rules governing the conditions under which your ball was lost. The group behind must be called through if they are delayed by your group's search for the lost ball. You do not need to wait until you have used the three minutes to call the group behind through.

Your golf bag, buggy or cart

These should be placed to the side of the green nearest to the next tee. On the 5th hole (if you are not in a buggy) please use the wooden bridge to cross to the 6th tee box as this will prevent you walking back in the direction of play behind you.

Mark your score cards

Score cards should be marked on the next tee box, after you have played your tee shot or while you are waiting on your turn to play.

Submitting a Complaint

Complaints of Slow Play will only be accepted in writing on the day of the competition involved.

The complaint must be signed and dated by at least two members of the delayed group. A note on a scorecard is not an acceptable form of complaint.

The names of the offenders, if known, must be listed on the complaint along with the starting tee time.

Processing the Complaint

The Committee will investigate the circumstances, which may involve speaking to both complainants and the offending group.

The Committee may apply one or a combination of the following sanctions:

- attendance at a session on how to improve the pace of play
- suspension from play on the course for a period of time
- a requirement to play at the end of the field in competitions for a specified period of time
- application of penalties under Rule 6-7 for undue delay/slow play.