

PACE OF PLAY ON THE GOLF COURSE

- Play READY golf – you don't have to wait for the person furthest from the hole to play – if you're ready play your shot.
- If you are 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 her ball, drive on ahead to the second ball. The first player should walk over to the cart, after she has played her ball and as the second player is playing her shot. OR, leave the cart between the 2 balls.
- When you play your shot, get back into the cart – you can put your club back into your bag at the next stop.
- If you think your ball might have landed out of bounds or be lost, immediately hit a provisional ball. Don't walk ahead to search, only to have to return to the original spot to replay a shot. Remember to announce that you are playing a 'provisional ball'.
- Never hold up play because you're in the middle of a conversation. Put the conversation on hold, take your stroke, then continue the conversation.
- Be quicker on the greens: Read it. Hit it. Tap it in. Go to the next tee. 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.
- When you leave the cart, to walk to your ball, be sure to take a couple of clubs with you. This way, you won't have to return to the cart if you discover you didn't bring the appropriate club. This applies most often approaching the green.
- Carry spare balls in your pocket, so you don't have to return to your golf bag to retrieve them, should you find yourself in need of one.
- Limit your search for lost balls. 5 minutes is the maximum time allowed to search for a ball. Wave through any group behind that is being held up by your search.
- Don't mark every putt. If you have a two-footer or something just beside the hole, go ahead and knock the ball in the hole. You shouldn't rush, but conversely, there is no need to slave over every putt as if The Masters is at stake
- Leave your bags or golf carts to the side of the green, and in the direction of the next tee, never in front of the green.
- When you hole out, get into your cart quickly, drive to the next tee and then write down your score and put your putter back into your bag.

Your place is behind the people in front of you, not in front of the people behind you