## Pace of Play

Is defined as the total amount of time it takes a golfer to play a round of golf. The goal for an 18 -hole round of golf is 4.5 hours, about 15 minutes per hole.

A good pace of play should not be mistaken for coinciding with a low handicap and a slow pace with a high handicap. Rather, a good pace of play is the result of understanding and being in position on the golf course.

## Pace of Play Tips

Be in position: The correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area. Take measures to pick up your pace if a gap exists.
Whether you ride, push a cart or carry your clubs, be aware of those items, especially when on the green. Always place your clubs, cart, etc. in line with your path to the next tee/shot and not in front of the green you are on or another's line of play.

Play ready golf: Play ready golf. No need to wait for honors or who is away, announce that you are ready and take your shot. This applies to the tee box, fairway, and greens.

Be efficient: As you progress to your ball, think about your shot. Start to determine yardage and club selection so you are prepared when you arrive at your ball.
On the green, line up your putt while others are putting it, without disturbing them.
Be a rideshare: When using a cart, think of positioning and pace of play. Drop your partner off at their ball or leave the cart with them and walk to your ball with a few clubs.

Be helpful: Watch all tee shots from your group to assist with locating drives.
Discuss the pace of play with your foursome to help recognize when you are in and out of position.
Be a master scorer: During any weekly tournament or league championship round you must pick up once your score equals five over the par on the hole. Max score $=$ par +5 . During open play, players are encouraged to pick up when reaching either double par or their net double bogey max, whichever is lower.
*Have fun, shoot them straight, roll them in, and be mindful of your pace.

