

The following guidelines are provided to assist the golfer in maintaining the PROPER PACE OF PLAY and for the enjoyment of all those who play the course that particular day.

1. **Play ready golf.** The order of play should be based on who's ready, not who's away. Don't wait for someone who is "away" but is not ready to play their shot.
2. Never hold up play because you're in the middle of a **conversation**. You should be planning your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing. Think ahead – determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play.

#### **CARTS:**

3. If you are the cart driver, drop off the passenger at her ball and immediately go to your ball. Don't wait for her to hit her shot before going to your ball.
4. If you are the passenger and the driver is "away", then take your club selection and walk to your ball. After your shot, walk to the cart or down the fairway.
5. If you are unsure of which club you want to hit, take several clubs and send the cart driver on to her ball.
6. When you finish a shot and go to the cart, don't put your club(s) in your bag. Get into the cart with clubs in hand and wait to put your clubs away until you hit your next shot.

#### **7. On The Green:**

- a. If you're ready to putt and the person "away" is not, then you putt first.
  - b. If you are the first one in the hole, pick up the flag stick so you can replace it when the last person has putted.
  - c. Never record scores at the green. Do it at the next tee. So, the non-scorekeepers should get up and tee off first.
  - d. The cart should be parked to the back of the green if possible, or on the side of the green closest to the next tee.
8. Simplify your pre-shot routine. It's important to have one, but it shouldn't be time consuming. Take only **one practice swing**.
  9. When it appears that your ball may be headed towards an area where the ball could be lost, or out of bounds, play a **provisional ball** before moving forward.
  9. Be an **active** contributor to keeping your foursome on pace: follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your shot. In the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.
  10. **Distance measuring devices** are great, but can also contribute to slow play. You should still have awareness of where you are on the course: still further than 200 yards from the hole? Are you near the 150 yard marker, or the 100 yard marker? You don't need to waste time checking yardage if you're 30 yards from the green making your approach shot.
  11. Despite all these pace of play guidelines, if your foursome has fallen out of position, catch up.
    - a. When two people sharing a cart are finished putting, they may leave the green and proceed to the teeing box and tee off. By the time they have teed off the other cart should be there.
    - b. If not, and your group is out of position, **split up** into twosomes. Two players should play the next hole, the other two waiting until that duo is out of range then tee off and proceed to play the hole. The foursome should catch up and be back into position quickly, and can continue on as a foursome.