

## **Pace of Play Guidelines**

**These guidelines are to remind every player what they can do to reduce their round time, which in essence are:**

- You must tee off from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole at your appointed time.
- If you keep up with the game in front, you cannot be accused of slow play.
- Pick your ball up when you can no longer score on a hole.
- Be ready to play your shot / putt. While exercising due consideration for other players in your group, put your glove on, check your yardage, pick your club or line up your putt while others are playing.
- When approaching the green, speed up your exit by positioning your bags on the way to the next tee.
- Move off the putting green as soon as your group has putted out; mark the scorecard at or on the way to the next tee box.
- Always play a provisional ball if you believe your ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Once it is clear that a ball cannot be easily found, call the next group through; do not wait 3 minutes
- Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front and keep up with that group.
- If you feel that your group is losing ground, tell the other players in your group and try to catch up.
- If you lose ground and are delaying the group behind, or if there is no group in front and you are delaying the group behind, invite the group behind to play through.
- **In all competitions, competitors are to record the time that they leave the 18th Green as they sign their cards**

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