

Simple Ways to Quicken Pace of Play

1. Always be aware of the gap between you and the group ahead. When using tee times, there should not be more than half a hole in front of you. When using a shot gun method, the first groups on the tee should not be more than one hole apart. The second group on the tee box, should be as tee times previously mentioned.
2. **Play ready golf!**
3. Get all items (tees, ball markers, divot tools, etc.) ready before your round. Put extra tees in your pocket.
4. Carry a spare ball when a provisional may be necessary.
5. If you are driving the cart, drop the passenger off at her ball and drive to your ball or park between the two balls and both go immediately to your ball.
6. If you are the passenger, don't wait for the driver to pick you up. Continue walking down the hole until she catches up with you but **be aware of where you are walking**-watch the other golfers in your group and stay out of their way.
7. Don't wait until after other players in your group have hit to begin preparing for your shot...Get the yardage, select a club and be ready as soon as it is your turn.
8. Locate the nearest rake and take it into the bunker with you before your shot.
9. If your next shot is a short wedge or a pitch, also take your putter to your ball.
10. Line up your putt before it is your turn so you are ready.
11. If you are the first to hole your putt, pick up the flag so that you can replace it when the last player holes her putt.
12. Park your carts on the path between the green and shortest distance to the next tee. This applies to both pushcarts and driving carts. Never park a pushcart in front of the green. Always park it to the side so you can easily grab it and start walking to the next hole.
13. Always record scores at the next tee box.
14. After your last hole, clear the green immediately. Don't add up scores or pack up your bag until you have cleared the area.
15. **Don't let conversations interfere with the order of play**. Go to the 19th hole – now is the time for chatting, camaraderie and catching up on the news, not on the course.

Tips and Suggestions for Improving Pace of Play

Plan your shot before you get to your ball

Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.

Keep your pre-shot routine short

Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly.

Aim to play in 20 seconds

From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.