

Team Pace of Play Strategies

1. Walk Like an Athlete!

- a. Golf is an “Athletic Sport”, your body language effects your performance. If you want to play your best golf, walk with your head up, a smile on your face and at a brisk speed.

2. Play Ready Golf

- a. Playing by “Honors” is allowing the player with the lowest score on the previous hole to play first from the tee, and players farthest away to play first for the rest of the hole. Playing “**Ready Golf**” is to play when ready and safe to do so. The United States Golf Association recommends you play “Ready Golf” and now has added Ready Golf in the USGA Rules of Golf.

3. When you finish putting, start walking to the next tee and play away

- a. The USGA Rules of Golf do not require players to watch the other players hole out. The first player in the group to hole out should walk immediately to the next tee and tee off. The second player to hole out should start moving towards the next tee while watching player’s putt. Write you scores for the previous hole after you have teed off.

4. Putt Out Whenever You Can

- a. Continuous Putting is highly recommended. When you can, please putt all short putts right away, making sure not to step in other player’s line.

5. Prepare for your shot while others are playing

- a. Choose your club, take your practice swings, read your putts and be ready to play when it is your turn

6. What to do when things go wrong

- a. ***When your group falls behind or some of the players in your group are really slow*** – let everyone in your group know you are behind and encourage everyone to speed up by using the strategies above.
- b. ***When a player assistant, parent or coach speaks rudely to you about your groups slow play*** – don’t take it personally, simply look them in the eye and thank them for the information. Then, do your best with the strategies above to catch back up.