

WE'RE PICKING UP THE PACE

Here are 10 tips for improving your pace of play:



1 Tee ^{it} FORWARD

Play from a set of tees from where you are more likely to hit lofted irons into greens instead of hybrids or fairway woods.

2 Minimize your time on the tee

On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to “hit when ready.” You can also save time by playing a provisional ball if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.



3 Develop an eye for distance

You don't have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball.

4 Plan your shot before you get to your ball

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.



5 Keep your pre-shot routine short

Strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play.

6 When sharing a cart, use a buddy system

Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs while your cartmate hits. Or drive to your ball after you drop off your cartmate.

7 Be helpful to others in your group

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

8 Be efficient on the putting green

Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them.

9 Picking up your ball is permitted by the USGA Handicap System

Equitable Stroke Control allows you to pick up once you have reached the allowable score for your Course Handicap.



10 Don't have time? Play nine

It's fully compatible with both the Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System. And when it comes to golf, nine is better than none.

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