

Pace of Play Reminders

Hello Ladies,

Following up on the “General Information” included in this email by Captain Terry Willow, it will be important, as the season progresses, that we do our part to keep up the pace of play on the course. The importance of this is twofold: first, it helps to keep the game enjoyable for all members so that players are not having to stand and wait for long periods of time before making their shots, and second, it helps to keep management happy so that their scheduled tee times for the public are not impacted.

Key Guidelines for Maintaining Pace of Play

To that end, I would like to remind all players about several key points for keeping up the pace of play, many of which are rooted in general golf etiquette:

1. Always try to keep up with the group in front of you. This means playing “ready golf”.
2. Be “ready” to hit your ball when it is your turn by having your club ready to go.
3. If you are “ready” and it is not really your turn to hit, go ahead if you are not interfering with the player whose turn it is to play.
4. When another player is across the fairway and ready to hit, it is acceptable for both players to do so, provided there will not be any interference with the flight of the ball.

Additional Golf Etiquette Reminders

Following are a few other points of golf etiquette to remember:

- Move your cart from the front of the putting green whenever possible, either to the side or the back of the green. This allows the players following you to play up to the green when they are able.
- Wait until you reach the next teeing area before marking your score on the card. This helps speed up play for those following behind.
- Leave the green quickly to move on to the next hole.
- If your group is falling behind, players in your group may leave the green early to move to the next teeing area and tee off before all players in your group have putted out.
- Please be respectful of other players in your group by keeping your chatter to a minimum, especially when a player is ready to shoot, whether it be on the teeing area, in the general area, or on the putting green.
- When on the green, be aware of the pathways of the other players’ balls to the hole. Avoid stepping on or over these pathways; instead, walk around behind the player.

Course Condition Guidelines

As we begin the season, course conditions will be such that our captain may direct you to take “nearest point of relief” or “Lift, clean and place”.

- If you find yourself in a place of “abnormal course conditions” (mostly standing water at this point), you may take free relief to an area where you are no longer impacted by the impediment. Move to the nearest point of relief either to one side or the other, or behind where the ball originally came to rest. Drop the ball from knee height within one club length, no nearer the hole.
- If your ball has accumulated an unusual amount of mud or dirt, you may “lift, clean and place” the ball. First, mark the ball with a marker, tee, or your club. Lift it, clean it, and then place the ball back on the ground as close to the spot that was marked as possible.

Questions and Clarifications

If any of these points are unclear, they can be discussed further in one of our group meetings, or via email, by contacting me at janpelton@shaw.ca.

Cheers,
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