

PACE OF PLAY – SNEWGA SPRING MEETING 2014

Unless you are playing 18 holes in 2.5 hours, EVERYONE has something they can do to speed up their play. It is everyone’s responsibility to keep their group moving.

Remember, **a delay of 8 seconds over every shot** for the player who averages 95 shots/round translates to a delay of about 13 minutes. If everyone in the group takes a similar amount of time over their shots, the group will take 50 minutes longer than they should!

Lots of things cause slow play, but there are ways to mitigate the time cost:

Problem	Solution	Estimated Time Saved
Not ready to hit the ball <u>immediately</u> (within 2 seconds) when it is your turn to play	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cartmates: Drop off the first player at the short ball, and immediately proceed to the farther ball. 2. Foursome: Go to your ball at the same time as all other players go to their ball. (Don't wait for others to hit.) <u>Determine yardage, shot and club selection while other players play their shots.</u> 3. Putting: <u>Analyze the break and speed of your putt while others are putting</u> <p>Goal: begin pre-shot routine immediately when it is your turn to play</p>	10-30 seconds per shot per player
Wrong club (when cart path only)	Bring 3 or 4 club options (or more!) when walking to your ball to ensure one of them will suffice.	1-2 minutes per shot, depending on the distance between cart & ball
More than one practice swing for a full shot	Change your pre-shot routine to include only one practice swing for full shots	3-12 seconds per shot
Leaving equipment in the “wrong” place	Leave your extra clubs directly <u>between the hole & your bag</u> . If your fellow competitors have not done this, help the group out by moving the equipment closer to its player.	2-10 seconds per hole.
Replace equipment before getting into cart	Replace your equipment in your bag after you get <i>to the next shot</i> and are getting clubs for the next shot.	2-4 seconds per shot
Marking scorecard at the green	Mark the scores at the next tee box. This helps the group behind play quickly.	5-10 seconds per hole
Leaving the cart in front of the green	Ensure the cart is parked as closely as possible between the green and the next tee box, while keeping a short walk to the cart from the green.	10-20 seconds per hole
Rules Debate	When unsure of a rule, don't debate the rule with your fellow competitors. Just invoke rule 3-3, play two balls, and report the facts to the tournament committee when you complete your round.	5-7 minutes