

# PACE OF PLAY

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Playing at a better pace is not about hurrying up or rushing around the course. It is simply about being more efficient with your valuable time, as well as everyone else's. Adopting this mindset – and not being afraid to share it with your fellow players – will ultimately add enjoyment to your golf experience. Here are some recognized tips for improving pace of play:

### Ways to Improve Pace of Play:

- **The easiest of all recommendations is to play ready-golf.** There is no need to debate, particularly when you are in the fairway, who is furthest out. The first person who is ready should hit. That goes for the tee box as well. If you aren't hitting, get ready to play.
- **Play promptly:** Take 20 seconds, maximum, to hit your shot
- **Treat the rules with discretion:** Take no more than 3 minutes to look for balls and take relief. Our MCSCGA League rule is one stroke penalty and play your shot near point you expected the ball to be found
- **Do Be quicker on the greens:** Read it. Hit it. Go to the next tee. Use inside the leather MCSCGA league rule.
- **Be cart smart:** Drop off your partner and drive or walk to your ball. When you leave the cart, take three clubs, not one. Park cart behind the greens or on side, not in front. Keep cart on cart path near green.
- **Be a good teammate:** Know your playing partners' strengths and weaknesses; help them when it's convenient, move on when it's not. Watch other players shots off tee
- **Do not go forward, to hunt for another player's lost ball, before hitting your shot.** Play your shot then assist.
- **Common sense:** Keep up with the group ahead of you. This may mean dropping another ball sooner than you might otherwise, or saving the joke for later.