

DIAA Golf Committee

Pace of Play Guidelines and Recommendations

Proper pace of play is important to our host golf courses and makes the game more fun for everyone. Your goal should be to play nine holes in under 2 hours and 15 minutes.

GENERAL TIPS:

- Think Ahead: Plan your next shot (yardage, target, club selection) while waiting for your turn.
- Play In 20 Seconds: Practice swing, pre-shot routine and execution should take no more than 20 seconds.
- Provisionalball: If you think your ball might be out of bounds or lost, hit another ball. Be sure to declare it a provisional ball.
- Practice Swings: Take as many as you want while waiting for your turn...but take only one when it is your turn.
- Lost Ball: If possible, hit your ball first then help others find ball. Five minutes is the time allowed for looking for a lost ball.
- Keep Up: Stay within one shot of the group ahead of you.
- Pace Of Walk should be close to brisk

ON THE TEE: While waiting for your turn to hit:

- plan your shot
- put on your glove
- take practice swings
- have tee and ball in hand
- remain quiet and still while others are teeing off.
- as soon as player hitting before you makes contact with the ball, move quickly to tee up your ball.
- all players should watch the ball as each other tees off
- if you hit your ball in the fairway, pick up your tee and leave tee box (DON'T stand there and watch your ball until it stops rolling)
- tee shots not hit in fairway should be watched for as long as possible. Remember to mark the ball's approximate location

ON THE GREEN:

- leave your bag at least five feet off the green and in line with the next tee box
- closest player to hole removes/tends flagstick
- first player to hole out replaces the flagstick
- mark, lift and clean your ball as soon as you arrive on the green
- if possible, line up your putt while waiting your turn
- after all players have holed out, promptly move to the next tee, record scores there

RESPECT THE COURSE:

- leave the course as you found it
- replace ALL divots or follow course directives
- repair your ball mark and one other that you might find
- rake bunkers properly and remember to enter bunkers on the "low side" (bring rake into the bunker with you so you don't have to go into and out of bunker twice)

- other than the hole on which you are playing, avoid walking across any other tee box or green
- avoid placing your bag closer than five feet from tee boxes and greens

RESPECT OTHER GOLFERS:

- keep pace with the group in front of you
- take no more than FIVE minutes to look for a “lost ball”
- avoid standing too close to or too far ahead of someone who is hitting
- do not walk through another player’s line of putt or cast a shadow on that line
- do not stand in front of or behind another player’s line of putt