

Ready Golf

Launceston Golf Club supports 'Ready Golf' philosophy

If you are ready to play and it's safe then play!

Note: When "ready golf" is being encouraged, players have to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players.

No 'Honour' (except in Match Play) - the first player ready plays

Ready Golf can apply in competition golf and social golf - here are some examples:

• Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options

- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- On approaching the Green place bag/trolley at the back or side of the green nearest to the next Tee
- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green, should play while the other player is walking to their ball and assessing their shot

• Marking scores en route to or upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off

Here are some other thoughts that will help speed up your game:

- Walk to your ball as soon as possible, so that you can choose your club and think about the shot in ADVANCE, <u>do not</u> wait until it's your turn to begin this process...
- Walk down the SIDES of the fairway to reach your ball and then APPROACH it from the side. Please don't play in a caravan, moving in a group from ball to ball.
- When on the Green, line up your putt BEFORE it is your turn, and putt out short putts immediately instead of marking, if you are not on someone else's line.

Ready Golf DOES NOT mean RUSHING and we are not asking you to run around but slow play is considered to be one of the major problems with golf at the moment. We don't want to spoil your enjoyment of your leisure time but if you prepare in advance, you can take your time AND play Ready Golf.

If every person in a four ball could play each hole just 25 seconds quicker, then we will make up half an hour for each round.