

‘Ready Golf’

If it is safe to do so walk to your ball!

There is no need to stand next to a playing partner and watch them play their shot.

Prepare to play your shot whilst others are playing.

Work out your distance, shot and club to play whilst others are playing.

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

Do not wait for others, but politely indicate you are about to play as you are ready.

The first player ready plays!

There is no ‘honour’ rule in stroke play; honour only applies in Match Play.

Play your own ball before helping to look for another!

You can play your shot whilst a player is looking for their ball.

Ready Golf 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 green-side bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
 - On approaching the Green place bag nearer to next Tee Box.
- 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 has to walk to their ball and assess their shot.
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

Your assistance in adopting these principles is gratefully appreciated.