

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

One of the most common complaints made by members of golf clubs concerns the pace of play. Very few golfers complain about play being too quick!

As a general rule try to keep up with the group in front.

It is the responsibility of all players and administrators to ensure that golf is played at a good pace appropriate to the course being played.

Keeping Pace:

- Keep up with the group in front
- If you fall behind call the group behind through
- Be ready to play your shot when it is your turn
- Leave the green promptly

How players can minimise round times:

- Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front and keep up with that group. This is a group responsibility and not an individual one.
- If your group falls a clear hole behind and it is delaying the group behind please invite them to play through (regardless of the number of players in that group).
- If you hit a ball that you think might be hard to find, or may be out of bounds, please play a provisional ball. (Remember no more than 5 minutes is allowed to search for a ball)
- Be ready to play your shot while exercising due consideration to other members in your group.
- At the green speed up your exit by positioning your bag on the way to the next tee.
- Move off the green as soon as all players have holed out and mark score cards at or on the way to the next tee.

At Nelson Golf Club:

- In competitions, three-ball rounds should take no longer than 3 hours 40 minutes and four-balls no longer than 3 hours 50 minutes.
- At the halfway house food & drink **must** be ordered whilst approaching the 10th green and any food & drink purchased **must** be taken away to the 11th tee **IMMEDIATELY** and not wait for the group behind to approach the 10th green. Please remember to ring the bell when leaving the 11th tee.
- Play should not commence from the 1st tee until the group in front are out of sight at the 1st green.