

READY GOLF

Over the past seasons, numerous members have complained about slow play. It is up to all members to at least attempt to play in a manner that does not impede anyone else's enjoyment of the game. Some issues causing slow play are: course conditions, players not knowing the rules of golf, both PHMC local rules and USGA rules or not being aware that their play, both individual and as a group, is the cause of the delay. As it has been stated in the past regarding your position on the course; "Keep up with the group in front of you, not ahead of the group behind you."

Some suggestions on playing a timely round

- Play when ready, away golf is not required.
- The **3 Minute Rule** for searching for balls should be enforced by that group. If the area is clear, a player should hit their ball and then help search for the ball.
- Groups may have players teeing off from different tee boxes, blue tees should tee off first. We have been playing Pine Hills for many years, you should have an idea on what club to hit from almost every tee box or location on the course.
- When riding two in a cart, get your distance and drop a player off at their ball with a club or two, and drive to the other ball. Going back and forth adds time.
- This will be the last season with walking as an option. If falling behind, the walker should ride to their next shot. The walker should also ride at the crossover from the 9th hole to the 10th hole or whenever its appropriate.
- Place stand bags, push carts or park golf carts, in the direction towards the next tee box.
- Announce scores when the hole is completed.
- With GPS on the golf carts, the pro shop can keep time on each group. **Possible penalty for slow play, the entire group will forfeit any Founders Cup Points won from that round after two slow play notifications.**

There are many ways to improve on pace of play, these are just a few suggestions. Playing golf in 5 hours is not enjoyable, we can all agree on that fact. We ask that our members take responsibility regarding their own pace of play along with their groups pace of play as to make a positive impact.

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