

HOW TO MAINTAIN PACE OF PLAY

Understanding Rule 6.4a - Exception in Match Play - Order of Play

Ready Golf - When it's your turn, PLAY!

It is the simplest way to avoid getting out of position on the course! Self Awareness.

However To Keep Pace Of Play In Match Play
You May use the following USGA exception:



EXCEPTION IN MATCH PLAY:

Rule 6.4a allows playing out of turn in match play by agreement. It says:
Exception - Playing Out of Turn by Agreement to Save Time:

How it works:

At times you or your opponent may have to search for a lost ball, or some other matter causes you not to be ready to hit — you may then :



- If it's YOUR turn to hit and you aren't ready - YOU MAY say to your opponent, "go ahead and hit if you are ready."
- If you see your OPPONENT isn't ready to hit, YOU MAY ASK, "is it okay if I hit out of turn?"

IMPORTANT NOTE:

When you proceed in this manner, the stroke can't be recalled for going out of turn. The above agreement is ONLY TO BE USED to maintain pace of play and get back into position.

PROHIBITED During Match Play - Don't get on the 1st tee and say.... "Let's Play Ready Golf"



The above exception (Rule 6.4a) is only allowed as a temporary remedy should your group fall out of position to maintain pace of play. Order of Play is a Critical Component of Match Play. Don't let slow play rob you of the strategic benefit of playing when it's your turn.

Saying on the 1st Tee, "let's play ready golf" and if both sides agree, both sides are disqualified for agreeing to waive the rules. Both teams receive 0 points for the entire match.