

Pace of Play

The following points are something we should all think about when out on the course, obviously this may not suit all situations notably competitive games but for social play these tips to help on the path to eradicating slow play.

1. Adopt ready golf ó the honor is not always necessary in most games ó only meaningful in match play. Therefore, if someone is ready to play and it's your honor and you're not, invite them to play their shot.
2. Mark your card after you have played your tee shot or while someone else is playing their tee shot on the next hole - at no other time mark your card on the green or before playing tee shot if no one is playing.
3. Be conscious of your place on the course and keeping up with play.
4. Don't chat approaching your ball when you could be working out club selection, distance. etc. In general be ready to play your shot when it's your turn to play.
5. Walk briskly from the green and between shots.
6. Always keep a tally of your score at all times ó don't start to count the shots when asked by the marker.
7. If you have a pre shot routine longer than 15 seconds you should review it ó it will probably benefit your game as well.
8. Always leave bags and loose clubs at the exit route to next tee. On a new course when walking towards the green check the direction of the next tee.
9. Check from time to time if your group is falling behind or if you are holding anyone up.
10. If your ball is nearest to the hole and someone has just played out of a bunker ó offer to rake it for them so they can take their shot - think "team" not individual.
11. If you're first to hole out, then pick up the flagstick and be ready to replace it when last putt is made.
12. If in a fourball and 2 balls are lost in different areas split into two pairs and search for both balls at same time.
13. If possible, watch each player's ball and try and get a marker on where it landed.
14. Start to read your putt when you are approaching the green or when other people are putting, not when it's your turn to play.