

Mulligan Ready Golf “20 Second” Guidelines

Goal – Complete 18 holes in 4 hours and 10 minutes

Ready golf means the player who is prepared and can hit safely should play; exceptions are rare. Saving 90 seconds per hole adds up to 27 minutes over 18 holes—a significant time reduction.

Although some tips may seem obvious, Mulligan golf focuses on saving seconds each hole rather than tournament rules, which adds up over time.

“On The Tee Box”

- Birdies hit first unless a proxy is assigned.
- Gold Tee players go before Silver Tees.
- Players should be ready at the tee box—glove on, club in hand, and swing when set; no honors.
- You have 20 seconds on the tee box to prep and take your shot.

“In The Fairway”

- Riding Carts will usually reach their balls first; riders should hit immediately.
- Riders: Drop off your partner at their ball, then continue to yours—don’t wait for them to hit.
- After choosing a club, take 20 seconds to set up and swing.
- Walkers generally have a clear fairway once riders have hit and moved aside.
- Everyone: Hit when ready and safe—no need to play by honors.

“Lost Balls”

- Players have 2 minutes to search for a lost ball in the designated area.
- If the ball is confirmed lost, take a penalty stroke, drop a new ball, and play your next shot.
- Other players should take their shots before helping search for another player’s ball.

“On the Green”

- 12” putts are gimme’s.
- If your first putt leaves you within 4 feet (and clear of other player putting lines), putt out.
- Putt First if you're closer to the hole and the "farthest away" player is not ready.
- If your ball isn’t interfering with others, there’s no need to mark it; putt when it’s your turn. This isn’t the PGA.
- Plan your putt while others are playing instead of waiting for your turn.
- Once it's your turn, line up and putt within 20 seconds—putt out if within 4 feet.
- If the group behind your group is waiting, the first player finished should move to the next tee and hit.

Be mindful of your own pace of play so you don't hold up your group or those playing behind. Let's avoid a "Slow Play" reputation with other members and the pro shop.