

# IMPROVING PACE of PLAY

**GOAL:** Complete your round in 4 hours and 15 minutes (4 1/4 hours) or less

- Keep up with the group in front of you
  - If there is a gap between you and the group in front, catch up
- If group in front of you is in the fairway, your group should be on the tee
- Be ready to hit when the group in front moves to their next shot
- If the tournament allows a pickup when you are out of a hole
  - Pickup, Record X and your most likely score
- Watch other players hit shots to avoid looking for "hard to find" balls
- Drop off rider with clubs at his ball, then driver proceeds to his own ball
- After you hit, move to your next shot before cleaning and replacing clubs

## BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS:

- Only hit a provisional ball for one that might be lost or unplayable that has been hit into a Penalty Area and did not cross over a boundary line. (Grass)
- Do Not hit a provisional ball for one that might be lost or out of bounds
  - Use local rule for ball lost or out of bounds
- Drop off a player who may have lost a ball so he can search
  - All other players hit their ball, then come back to help search
  - Do not take more than 3 minutes looking for a lost ball

## ON THE GREEN

- Park carts toward the back of the green
- After getting on the green place your equipment between hole and cart
  - Pickup your equipment on your way to your cart
  - No going back across the green to get a club
- If a player is having trouble around the green (sand play, etc.)
  - Help a player in trouble, raking the trap, moving his equipment, etc.
- Leave the flag in the hole/putt with the flag in the hole
- Get ready to putt before it's your turn
  - Line up your putt while others are putting, walking to the green, etc.
- If the group behind is waiting
  - No practice putts on the green after completing the hole
  - Move quickly off green, record scores and clean clubs at next tee

## READY GOLF (In stroke play and if agreed on by opponent in match play)

- Hit when ready as long as it's safe
  - No Honors on the tee
  - No waiting for other players to hit first
  - If you are ready and the others are not, take your shot
- Shorter hitters play when they can't get to the group in front
- On the green, if other players are not ready but you are, hit your putt
- Whenever possible continue putting until holed out

**Make every effort to keep up with the group ahead.**