

# Avoid Slow Play

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*"Please be courteous and considerate to your fellow golfers on the course."*

## **General Tips to keep the pace of play:**

1. Keep up with the group in front of you.
2. Be ready to play when it's your turn. (Have your glove on, club selected, etc.)
3. Play Ready Golf! Especially on tee box if the person who has honors is not ready to play. (Even during match play, honors is likely only relevant at the green).
4. Keep at least one extra ball (if not two or three) in your pocket at all times.
5. Pick up after you have reached max score or are out of the hole.

## **On the Putting Green:**

1. Park golf carts behind the hole or on the path to the next hole.
2. Leave your extra club on the side of the green that you walk off (golf cart side).
3. Read your own putt while others are putting.
4. When a putt is conceded, do not putt out "for practice".
5. Don't mark your card on the green..... Go to the next tee box and mark your card there.

## **Extra Golf Cart Tips especially when its Cart Path Only**

1. Take multiple clubs to your shot. Then use your range finder when you are at your ball. Anticipate what clubs you might need, such as the ever popular flubbed shot into the bunker. For CPO bring sand to avoid having to return to the cart for sand.
2. Assist each other with distances. This is allowable under all USGA rules and will help avoid returning to a cart to get the 'proper' club.
3. If both approach shots are not on the green, the player furthest away should take their clubs and walk up to their ball and play while the other player drives up to the green and walks back to hit their ball.

## **One last tip:**

Save the stories and jokes for the 19th hole.

## **Really???? Does it matter that much????**

Yes, It Does!!!! Each of these tips may seem to save an insignificant amount of time, but added up it makes a difference.

Do the math:

- 10 extra seconds per shot x 4 shots x 4 golfers x 18 holes = 48 minutes!!!
- That is how you turn an would be acceptable 3:40 round into a very unpleasant 4:28 round.