

WPA Pace of Play Policy

The WPA pace of play policy is simple... **KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP AHEAD OF YOU!!!**

The first two groups of a scheduled tee time event will set the correct pace. The same applies to groups in a shotgun event that have no one ahead of them. The event will be marshaled by WPA Board Members or course employees. If your group falls one or more holes behind, you will be warned that you have **2 holes to catch up**. (The marshal will warn the following groups to be ready to keep pace as you catch up.) If you have not caught up in 2 holes, each player will be assessed a **2 shot penalty**. This process will be repeated if your group remains out of position. A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have the group monitored. The individual player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others. Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee, a circumstance beyond the players' control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group.

How do we avoid falling behind in the first place?

Be aware of where the group is ahead of you. If you start to loose ground, pick up your pace. Watch all tee shots to help locate errant drives. If you hit a questionable drive **play a provisional ball** to save the trip back to the tee box (search time is 5 min. max.) Be ready to play when it's your turn.

How can we catch up?

Quicken your pace of play! Play "ready golf" on the tee and through the green. Putt continuously until you hole out. Watch all tee shots to help find errant drives (you can't catch up if you're loosing balls.) Place your ball on the green if it doesn't distract the player putting, and be ready to putt when it's your turn.

Why does the WPA have this policy?

Everyone who participates deserves to play at a reasonable pace. The golf course loses money if there are gaps on the course. We will not continue to get prime morning tee times if our events cause delays. The WPA Pace of Play Committee has developed this policy to improve the quality of our events.