

USGA Group Pace of Play Policy

Tips for Success

- Play ready golf whenever practical.
- If your group misses any checkpoint, **REACT**, and get back in position.
- Your caddie's pace is your pace. Make sure your caddie keeps up with you.
- If you are not playing first, you should be preparing for your stroke while others are playing and be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Walking quickly to your ball and between strokes generally helps a group that has fallen behind regain its position on the course.
- Review the hole location sheet, put on your golf glove, determine wind direction and yardage on the walk to your ball so you may choose a club when you arrive at your ball.
- All players should watch closely when a ball heads toward trees, rough or penalty areas so that a potential ball search could be expedited if necessary.
- If you believe your ball may be lost outside a penalty area or could be out of bounds, play a provisional ball (Rule 18.3).
- Utilize Rule 20.1c(3) (Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do) if a referee is not readily available.
- If you are going to walk forward to survey your next stroke, do so in a non-distracting way while other players in your group are playing.
- If you will be the first to play the next shot, you should make an effort to arrive at your ball first.
- Repair damage on the putting green on the way to marking your ball.
- Survey your putt from the opposite side of the hole when other players are playing.
- The player (or caddie) who is second to finish (or second to last in four-ball) should replace the flagstick, if applicable.
- Place your golf bag off the putting green near the next teeing area.