

SACRAMENTO GOLF CLUB

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

Pace of play has become a serious issue in Sacramento Golf Club events. With a goal of making our events enjoyable to our players and golfers playing behind our events, the Sacramento Golf Club is establishing Pace of Play Guidelines based on USGA and NCGA Guidelines

2019 NCGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY—“It is the PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY to know their group’s position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the Pace of Play guidelines will result in a penalty of two strokes.”

It is not our intention to penalize players. Our intention is to educate players on things that can be done to insure that players take steps to complete rounds within the allotted time listed below.

- All players must complete their rounds within 4 ½ hours of teeing off on the first hole.
- The finishing time for each hole will be placed on the scorecards. It will be based on your scheduled tee off time. If players begin to fall behind the group ahead of them (for example- there is an open hole ahead of you), players should check the time they finish holes and take immediate steps to speed up if they are also behind the times listed on the scorecard.

These steps should include:

- a) Play Ready Golf—On the tee, the first player to the tee should hit. In the fairway be ready to hit when it’s your turn. Take 2 or 3 clubs with you to be ready to hit when it’s clear for you to hit. Give each other yardages (or ask another player in the group for yardage)—it’s legal to share things that are common knowledge. On or around the green, read your putts while others are putting or chipping. It can be done without bothering other players, and you will be ready to putt when it’s clear for you to putt. (USGA Rule 6-4B)
 - b) If you are the first player to putt out on a hole, grab your driver and head to the next tee and tee off. If it’s a considerable walk to the next hole, wait for the second player to putt out, and both of you take a cart to the next tee and tee off. The other two players can take the other cart when they finish putting. Fill in the scorecard at the next tee.
 - c) If the event is a 2 Person team event, and on a hole you reach a point where you can’t improve on your partner’s score, pick up and record on the scorecard the score you most likely would have made on the hole.
 - d) If a group does not catch up or get inside the allowed time at a point during the round, they may be asked to skip a hole and record a Net Bogey for that hole.
 - e) Per USGA Rules, only 3 minutes is allowed to search for a lost ball.
- The Sacramento Golf Club is instituting a policy that the Maximum Score a player may make on a hole is a Triple Bogey. For example, when a player has taken 7 strokes on a par 5, pick up and record an 8X on the scorecard.