

## ***Pace of Play Tips***

### **Keep up with the group in front of you.**

For example you should see them approaching the green when you get to the tee box of a par 4 and you should see them in the fairway in front of you when you reach the tee box of a par 5. On a Par 3 you should see the group on or leaving the green.

If there is an empty hole in front of you and the group behind is waiting – invite them to play through regardless of the size of the group.

Play the tees appropriate for your skill level.

### **Be ready to play when it is your turn.**

Walk briskly between shots. Walk/drive directly to your golf ball (or your partners); don't follow others unless assisting in a search.

Plan your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing. Line up your putt when others are putting and be ready when it is your turn – as long as it does not interfere with another player.

If riding, take several clubs with you to your ball so you won't have to walk back to the cart.

Don't step off or measure yardage for every single golf shot, develop an "eye" for distance.

Be efficient with your pre-shot routine. Keeping to one or two practice swings and staying focused on the shot at hand will help reduce your number of shots and improve your pace of play.

Play a provisional ball if you think the original might be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds. Limit search to 5 minutes or less.

Whenever possible – agree with your playing partners to play "ready golf", which allows the player who is most ready to play the next shot.

### **On the green**

If you are not sure your ball is on the green – take an extra wedge or chipping club with you to the green.

Leave your clubs or cart on the side of the putting green towards the next tee.

Exit putting green promptly after holing out.