



Noosa Hills Par 3 Social Golf Club

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Those involved in the game of golf may have differing views on what constitutes an acceptable pace of play, but there is no doubt that slow play can detract from the enjoyment of the game for many golfers

1. INTRODUCTION

This Policy is to ensure competition rounds are played in an appropriate manner to make golf more enjoyable for everyone, by:

- Ensuring players keep pace with the group ahead;
- Introducing, educating and enforcing ready golf standards;
- Highlighting timesaver hints;
- Monitoring pace of play and Enforcing Rule 6-7;
- Monitoring time of starting and Enforcing Rule 6-3.

Starting Times

Groups hitting off at their designated starting times (not before) is integral to the 10 minute concept. Our Starting Policy is outlined below:

“Your starting time is the time the first ball is in the air”

Members should note that the group in front should be cleared from the 2nd tee for the 1st Tee and cleared the green on 10th before you start your round. This gap is the buffer between groups.

Keeping Pace

Under this 10 minute interval structure, players are expected to “keep pace” with the group in front, not necessarily “keeping up” with them. The term “keeping pace” is used below, and basically refers to groups maintaining the distance to the group in front that existed when they commence at their starting tee, throughout their round.

Rules of Golf From Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play

The Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any Pace of Play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee.

2. STARTING TIMES

Each player should be ready to commence play at the allotted booking tee-time. At times, groups may be called to the tee by the Proshop, and/or there may be a starter on the tee. These measures are designed to assist players, not to absolve them of their responsibility to start at the appropriate time. The penalties prescribed under Rule 6-3 will apply to groups that fail to start on time.

3. TARGET INTERVAL - 10 MINUTES

The starting interval time between groups will be eight (10) minutes. It is expected that all groups maintain this spacing throughout the round. From time to time circumstances may cause the interval time to exceed Ten minutes; however all effort should be made to “keep pace”.

4. READY GOLF

If a group is not Keeping Pace with the group ahead, it is expected that they will adopt Ready Golf until they have regained their correct position in the field. Quite simply, Ready Golf is a common sense approach to play the ball when ready:

- Dismiss all honours;
- Don't wait for others before approaching the tee and hitting;
- Proceed to your ball as quickly as possible, including those in carts;
- Play the ball as soon as it is safe to do so.

Each player should play when ready, as long as doing so will not interfere with others, especially on the tee. Shorter hitters can often hit first, especially on the tee.

5. MONITOR & ENFORCE

Match Committee will monitor Club competitions via the Online Card Entry time stamp , a reasonable allowance will account for time between leaving course and entering card online.

Please note that a competition round of 2 hours 40 minutes is considered to be acceptable, regardless of the event.

The Club's Pace of Play policy is intended to ensure the service expectations of members and their guests are met for the betterment of golf at Noosa Hills Par 3. Members who fail to meet these expectations may be referred to the Match Committee and risk further disciplinary actions.

6. TIMESAVER HINTS

- Report to the Proshop well before your hit off time
- Move to the tee when previous group has left the tee.
- Proceed briskly and directly to your ball between shots
- Where possible carefully watch all shots to help pinpoint the position of the ball
- Keep pace with the group in front, NOT with the group behind
- Record scores while others are hitting off the next tee – NOT before leaving the previous green
- Make your club selection and consider your shot-making options while other players are hitting their shots
- Leave your clubs/carts at the exit of the green towards the next tee
- Line up your putt while others are putting
- When in doubt, notify your marker and hit a provisional ball
- Quickly purchase food/drink. If out of position, do not stop for a conversation
- When 2 players have putted out whilst the other players are putting out proceed to the next tee



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