

Shelly Beach Golf Club – Pace of Play Guidelines

SBGC Pace of Play guidelines have been established in response to the wishes of the vast majority of golfers who play at our course. Compliance with our “Pace of Play” and “Ready Golf” Guidelines will allow 18 holes of golf to be completed in around 4 hours. Obviously, earlier groups in the day can achieve less than 4 hours.

It should be noted that any aggression or offensive conduct towards any person empowered with checking slow play incidents or enforcing these guidelines will not be tolerated and may result in severe reprimand or suspension.

Summary of related R&A Rules of Golf.

Section 1: Etiquette (Pages 19 & 20).

- **“Play at a good pace and keep up.”**
- **“The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that **all players should follow.**”**
- **“It is the group’s responsibility to keep up with the group in front.”**
- **“Be Ready to Play.”**

Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play.

“The player **must play without undue delay** and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.”

“Between the completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.”

The Match Committee may establish maximum times to complete a round, hole or stroke.

Penalties for Undue Delay & Slow Play (in stroke play) can include one stroke, two strokes & disqualification.

Rule 34-2 Referee’s decision.

“If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his decision is final.”

Match Committee Sanctions.

The Match Committee is responsible for monitoring Pace of Play in competitions and imposing sanctions for breaches.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

Verbal warnings, warning letters, stroke penalties, disqualification, restricted tee times and restricted playing partners.

The Match Committee will endeavour to consider all related evidence when determining the most appropriate course of action. This evidence may include:

- Timesheet and score card records
- Player statements and reports
- Slow Play Incident Reports and observations
- Reports from Referees, Rangers, Directors, Pro Shop staff and/or Competition Officials
- Any available CCTV or GPS technology
- Time frame recommendations set by the Match Committee
- Pace of Play and Ready Golf Guidelines
- Any related prior records.

Slow Play Incident Reports.

The Match Committee may at any time conduct or appoint persons to conduct pace of play checks. Should a significant slow play incident be witnessed, precise details should be recorded on a Slow Play Incident Report. These reports are to be reviewed at Match Committee meetings where appropriate action will be taken after considering the circumstances and all available evidence.

Should a severe incident occur, a Pace of Play Referee should speak with the group in a timely fashion and advise them of any action or penalty imposed.

“Significant” = 14 to 21 minutes behind the preceding group.

“Severe” = More than 21 minutes behind the preceding group.

(7 minute tee off intervals, thus 21 minutes equates to being 3 groups behind).

Pace of Play Referee/s.

The Match Committee has the power to delegate its authority to a referee.

Unless otherwise specified, the Senior Professional on duty is the duly appointed referee.

Should any Slow Play Incident be reported, the Senior Professional can request the assistance of the following to act as Pace of Play Referees:

- Director of Golf
- Club President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer, Director or C.E.O.
- Life Member
- Course Superintendent.

During Ladies events, the following can also act as Pace of Play Referees:

- Ladies President, Vice President, Ladies Captain or Vice Captain.

Golf Slow Play Incident Report

Day & Date:
Time Reported:
Persons involved:
Witnesses:
Brief Details:
Action taken:
Match Committee result:

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