

## Como Men's Golf Club

# Pace of Play Guidelines – All Events

The Como Men's Golf Club is committed to maintaining a reasonable pace of play during all Club events. More specifically, players are expected to complete each 9 holes in 2 hours and each 18 hole round within 4 hours. Players unwilling to commit to those time parameters should not enter Club events.

**Adherence to the following practices will promote compliance with this pace of play policy.**

1. **Keep in contact with the group ahead of you.** If you reach a tee and the group ahead of you has already left that green, there is a strong probability that you are out of position. Speed up so that you reach the next tee before the group ahead finishes that hole.
2. **PLAY READY GOLF.** If you are the first player to reach the tee and it is safe to hit – tee it up and play away! **DO NOT WAIT FOR "HONORS"**. In the fairway, hit as soon as it is safe and you are ready. **DO NOT WAIT FOR ANOTHER PLAYER JUST BECAUSE "HE'S AWAY"**.
3. Whether in the fairway or on the green, **BE READY TO PLAY WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN.** Your preparation and practice strokes should be completed while others are playing their shots or putting.
4. If there is ANY CHANCE you have hit a ball that will be OB or lost, declare and **play a provisional ball BEFORE moving ahead** to search for your potentially OB or lost ball.
5. **Always use "continuous putting"** unless your stance interferes with the line of one of your playing partners.
6. **SPEAK UP!** If other members of your 4-some are playing too slow and not adhering to our pace of play policies, say something! **Maintaining a proper pace is a SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!** (Hey Guys, we need to pick up our pace!)
7. **Save your socializing for the 19<sup>th</sup> hole!** Walk or ride directly to your own ball - don't stroll the fairway with another player just to visit.
8. If you know that you are a slower (more deliberate?) player and you usually walk, **consider using a cart** when you play in a Club event.
9. **BE AWARE OF YOUR STARTING TIME, YOUR 9 HOLE TIME AND YOUR FINISHING TIME.,** e.g. if your starting time was 7:28, you should be thru 9 holes at 9:28 and thru 18 holes at 11:28. You should never need to be told that you are out of position as far as time is concerned,