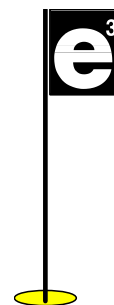


ENGLISH PARTNERSHIPS GOLF SOCIETY

Secretary: Chris Morley



NOTE TO MEMBERS - GOLF 2018

Dear Members,

Pace of Play and Ready Golf

In response to concerns expressed nationally about the time taken to play a round of golf and a belief that this might be affecting the popularity of the game the R&A has produced a Pace of Play Manual that pulls together a wide range of potential solutions. It also introduces the concept of Ready Golf as a means of playing the game faster.

Whilst we are very much a social and friendly society, following on from a discussion at the AGM about Ready Golf the committee were tasked to look at whether some of the ideas being put forward might usefully be adopted in society events.

We are well aware of the need to avoid slow play by the following practices.

- Keep up with the game ahead not ahead of the game behind.
- Play a provisional if you suspect that you might not find your ball.
- Let people through if losing ground or looking for a ball.
- Walk briskly between shots
- Where possible and not distracting, judge the distance and select the club for your shot whilst your partner is preparing for their shot.
- Line up putts whilst waiting for fellow competitors to putt.
- Encourage playing partners to maintain a reasonable pace.
- Pick up when not scoring well and holding up play.

It appears however that a number of the Ready Golf ideas can make a difference and so, whilst these vary from the traditional ways in which we play the game, members are asked to embrace the ideas set out below in the coming season:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot.

- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

We can monitor how the changes affect our events and your feedback through the season will be most helpful.

You can download the R&A Pace of Play manual by clicking [here](#), we will also have a copy to download from our website over the next week or so.

We hope to see you all at the warm up at Lee Park in March.

The EPGS Committee.
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