# Pace of Play Policy

Brampton Park Golf Club · Ready Golf and keeping the course moving

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## 1. Purpose

A steady pace of play lets every group finish their round, including before dusk in winter, and makes golf more enjoyable for everyone. This policy sets out what we ask of every golfer.

## 2. Why pace of play matters

**Enjoyment for all**
Slow rounds frustrate your own group and the groups behind. Keeping pace makes golf more enjoyable for everyone.

**Better course flow**
A delay on one hole ripples through the day. Staying in rhythm keeps every group moving.

**More golf in limited daylight**
In the shorter days, efficient play lets more members finish their rounds before sunset.

**Improved focus**
Playing without long waits keeps your concentration sharp and can even improve your performance.

**Respect for others**
Keeping pace shows courtesy to fellow members, visitors and the staff who keep the course running smoothly.

## 3. Ready Golf

We strongly encourage Ready Golf in all formats except matchplay. This means playing when it is safe and sensible to do so, rather than always waiting for the honour or for the player furthest from the hole.

1. Shorter hitters play first when it is safe.
2. Play when you are ready, not strictly in turn.
3. Hit your shot before helping to look for a lost ball, unless you are much closer to the hole.
4. Putt out when practical, rather than marking short putts.
5. Be prepared: choose your club, line up and complete your pre-shot routine promptly.
6. Play a provisional ball straight away if your ball might be lost or out of bounds.
7. Leave trolleys, buggies and bags where you can move off quickly to the next tee.
8. Leave the green promptly and mark your scorecard on the next tee.

## 4. Our standards on the course

- **Target round time:** a four-ball should take no more than 4 hours 20 minutes for 18 holes. Two-balls and three-balls should be quicker.
- **Keep up with the group in front:** your position on the course is right behind the group ahead of you, not just ahead of the group behind.
- **Call faster groups through:** if your group loses a clear hole on the group in front, or is holding up a faster group behind, wave them through at the next safe opportunity.

## 5. A shared responsibility

Every player helps keep golf enjoyable and accessible for all. By playing Ready Golf and keeping an eye on your group's pace, you help create a smoother round for everyone on the course. Thank you for your cooperation and your commitment to good golfing etiquette.

## 6. Review and approval

This policy is reviewed every year. Questions: Pro Shop, 01480 434705, proshop@bramptonparkgc.co.uk

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