

PACE OF PLAY

Play at Good Pace, Be Ready to Play, and Keep Up!

Players should play at a good pace. In general, a group of four players should be able to play an 18-hole round in four hours.



1. Move quickly to your ball between strokes.



2. Try to avoid having more than one practice swing.



3. When it becomes apparent that a ball may not be easily found, signal the group behind through. Do not search for 5 minutes before doing so.



4. Always play a provisional ball if it is believed a ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds.



5. Be ready to play as soon as it is your turn to play. On the putting green, putt out wherever possible.



6. Mark the score card on the next tee while others are hitting off.

Also:

- The player with the honour must tee off as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Leave pull buggies and carts at the side or behind the green in such a position that will enable quick movement off the green towards the next tee.
- In Par, Stableford and Four-Ball events, pick up when a score for the hole can no longer be made.
- Players can be penalised for Slow Play in accordance with Rule 6-7.

Remember - your group's position is in relation to the group in front, not the group behind.

Compiled in consultation with



Pictured are Stacey Keating – 2010 Australian Amateur Champion, and Matt Griffin – Scholarship Holder in the Rookie Program
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