



## Policy regarding Pace of Play

### References:

- a. Rules of Golf 2008 Section 1: Etiquette
- b. Rules of Golf 2008: Rule 6-7
- c. Rules of Golf 2008: Rule 33-7

### Local Rules:

Local Rules may be modified at any time to reflect specific conditions in the club, which can also include Pace of Play policy and penalties. The Match Committee will maintain the currency of Local Rules as required.

IAW the guidelines at Reference A, the Gold Creek Golf Club Policy in relation to the Pace of Play is described below.

### Responsibilities:

**Match Committee.** The Gold Creek Golf Club Match Committee shall be the determining body for establishing the Pace of Play guidelines and is responsible to;

- a. Communicate to the members of the Golf Club the Pace of Play guidelines
- b. Communicate to the members of the Golf Club the penalties to be applied for breaches of the Pace of Play guidelines.
- c. Determine, as required, the penalties to be applied to individuals found in breach of the Pace of Play guidelines.

**Players.** It is the responsibility of every player to play within the Pace of Play policy. Gold Creek Golf Club Match Committee recommends the lowest marker in a group be responsible for the Pace of Play however this does not abrogate other members in the group of their responsibilities.

### Timings:

**Pace of Play.** Players are to complete competition rounds within the following timelines as determined by the Match Committee:

- a. Stroke, Gold Rush and Championship events – 4 hours 30 minutes.
- b. Stableford, Par and Team events – 4 hours 15 minutes.

**Group in Front.** Players are to complete their rounds within 15 minutes of the group playing directly ahead of them.

**Reporting Slow Play:**

Any issues regarding Slow Play are to be reported to the Match Committee. This includes

- a. If a player in the group ignores repeated requests to play in a timely manner by a member of the group, or
- b. Any members who feel they need to report other groups (or players) for slow play.

**Time Clock:**

Time Clocks will be utilised at Gold Creek to monitor and document Pace of Play.

**Marshals:**

Marshals will be utilised at Gold Creek to monitor, observe and report instances of Slow Play. Marshals do not have the authority to impose penalties on players, or formally caution players, they are simply to notify the group of their status in the field eg.

- 'You are xxx minutes behind the group in front.' Or
- 'You are a complete hole behind the group in front'

**Penalties for Slow Play**

A 3-stage system will be utilised by the Match Committee if a player is found to have failed to meet the Pace of Play guidelines.

- a. An informal warning may be issued at the discretion of the Match Committee if a player or group has failed to play within the guidelines.
- b. The first stage will be a formal warning that will advise of the circumstances that led to the warning, as well as a detailed description of action for further breaches (as detailed below).
- c. A Second breach, as recognised by the Match Committee, inside 3 months of the formal warning will result in a 2 shot penalty for the competition that was played (Refer Reference B), and advise the member that they may not hit-off in a Gold Creek Golf Club competition run and/or endorsed by the Match Committee for a period of 3 months prior to 11:30AM
- d. A Third breach, as recognised by the Match Committee, will result in a further letter advising the member to attend a hearing to determine whether further disciplinary action is to be implemented.

**Responses to Warnings**

Players have the right to question the Issue of a Warning Letter. The response must clearly advise on what grounds the player feels wronged and will take into account the issues of Players responsibility; Reporting Slow Play; Pace of Play; and Group in Front.

The Match Committee will review any responses and determine if the Warning is to be enforced, or withdrawn.

**Contacting the Match Committee**

The Match Committee can be contacted by email at [gcgcmc@gmail.com](mailto:gcgcmc@gmail.com)

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