

Vikes Golf Junior Tour - Pace of Play Guidelines

Pace of play Time Par:

Time Par will be 4:30 regardless of the course being played; this will allow an average time of 15 minutes per hole.

An exception will be granted when groups are delayed by club members or green fee players.

Definition of “Out of Position”

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed time par **or** at any time during the round they reach a par 3 hole that is open and free of play or reach a par 4 or par 5 hole and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par 3 hole that is open and free of play or reach a par 4 or par 5 hole and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play.

If a player is found to be slow and delaying his/her group the player will be timed by a Rules Official. If the time to make a stroke, when it is the player's turn to play, exceeds 40 seconds a penalty will be assessed.

Penalties:

First offence warning – no penalty,

Second offence – one stroke penalty,

Third offence – two stroke penalty.

Penalties may be appealed.

Suggestions to Speed Up Play

1. After hitting, go straight to your ball.
2. Be ready to play when it is your turn. This includes being aware of order of play on a tee. If you have the honour, and have not already recorded your playing partner's score from the previous hole, that can wait until after you tee off.
3. On the green, the person whose ball is closest to the hole is responsible for taking the pin. (The origin of “KP” – Keeper of the Pin.)
4. Replacing the pin is the responsibility of someone other than the last person to hole out.
5. Before going onto a green or playing a shot from anywhere, leave your bag between where you are playing from and where you have to go next so you can always walk in a straight line between the two.
6. When in any doubt as to whether your ball might be found, is Out of Bounds or regarding a rule interpretation, ALWAYS play a provisional ball declaring to your playing partners that you are doing so and identifying how the provisional ball can be distinguished from your first ball.