

PACE OF PLAY

A round of golf at Herndon is expected to take about 4½ hours – about 15 minutes per hole.

Please pace yourself accordingly – aim to finish at least 4 holes every hour.

Every golfer has an effect on the pace; one or two minutes per hole per group add up!

Walkers are encouraged to ride across the bridge whenever possible.

The most important point: **Stay right behind the group ahead of you** – NOT ahead of the group behind!

NOTE TO FIRST GROUP: Pay special attention to pace!

All HLGC golfers must check in with the HLGC Starter 30 minutes before start time. ***The starter will stop accepting check-ins 15 minutes before the last tee time*** (or the general tee time on Shot Gun start days).

Suggestions for maintaining the proper pace:

- **Play ready golf.** If you reach your ball and are ready to hit while other members of your group are not yet prepared, then go ahead and hit regardless of who is “away”.
- Select your club and plan your shot on your way to your ball.
- Watch other shots so you can help your friends find their balls.
- On the fairway, park the cart between the balls and walk to them.
- On ‘cart path only’ days, take clubs for several shots and walk to your next shot.
- Help others move their carts, especially if one golfer is in a cart by herself.
- Make no more than one practice swing.
- Check the ball before you hit to make sure it’s yours. If you hit the wrong ball not only will you incur a 2 stroke penalty, you will still have to find and play your own ball.
- Measure and plan your putt as soon as you get to the green; don’t wait until it’s your turn to putt.
- The first person to putt out is responsible for returning the flag to the hole.
- Record scores at the next tee box.
- Non-scorers should jump out of the cart at the tee and hit their drives first (even as their cart partners are recording the previous hole’s scores).
- Don’t let socializing and ‘chit chat’ on the tee (or elsewhere) delay play.
- Pick up your ball if you’ve not reached the green in 8 strokes (including penalties).
- Limit your bathroom breaks and time in the clubhouse.
- Please respect the course Marshals and follow their advice and direction.
- Don’t agonize over rules issues. If there is a disagreement that can’t be settled quickly among the group, play a second ball, circle the score at issue and settle it afterward in the clubhouse, adjusting the score as needed.