

Laguna Woods Village G.C.

Pace of Play Rules

The starting times for groups at LWVGC are set at every eight minutes beginning at 7:00 AM. According to the USGA rating system, 18 holes on the golf course should take no more than 4 hours and 15 minutes to play, which is approx. 14 minutes and 15 seconds per hole. Please try to keep up!

It is the responsibility of all players in the group (twosome, threesome, foursome or even fivesomes) to keep up with the group directly in front of them. If one member of the group is having difficulties, the entire group's pace of play is slowed down which affects all players behind them. If the group's slow play continues they should allow the group behind them to "play through" at any point from the tee through the green. However if the group's slow play presents a persistent problem, and they do not take the initiative to police themselves and speed up play on their own, the Golf Course's "Player Assistants" or designated "Men's Club Monitors" are responsible for monitoring and enforcing pace of play requirements.

Pace of Play Rules Will Be Strictly Enforced !!

- If a group is out of position** at any point during the round, a Player Assistant will be notified and the following steps will be taken:

Note: Before any action is taken however, the Player Assistant should:

- Contact the starter to make sure the group in question was sent off at the tee time immediately following the group they are behind. Many times in open play there are gaps in the normal eight minute starting intervals and this may be the reason for the open space between groups.
 - The possibility may also exist where a group may be on-pace according to the 14 minute and 15 second per hole time standard, but be a hole or more behind because the group in front of them is playing at a much faster pace. These factors should always be considered before any action is taken.
1. If circumstances allow (i.e. there is not a pressing need to take immediate action) a verbal warning may be issued by the Player Assistant to the entire group to pick up the pace and close the gap on the group in front of them. They will be allowed between one and one-and-a-half holes to get back into position. The Player Assistant will monitor this part of the process. However, if a pressing need to speed up play does exist, the Player Assistant shall go immediately to Step 2.
 2. After the opportunity to catch up (if circumstances allow) and the group is still out of position, or if there is a pressing need to take immediate action, the entire group will be directed to pick-up their ball and proceed directly to the next tee. For proposes of scoring (computer posting) the un-played hole, each player in the group will mark down their net par score (par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole) This hole, when recorded on a scorecard, should be preceded by an "X."

Note: In tournament play each player of the group shall also be penalized an additional 2 strokes on the un-played hole which should be included in their score for the tournament.

3. After these two steps have been taken, and if in the opinion of the Player Assistant the group in question continues to hold up the course:

Open Play	Tournament Play
They may be removed from the course.	They will be disqualified from the event. The group will however be allowed to complete their round as long as they do not create any disruption or disturbance or hold up any remaining players in the field.

**** USGA Pace of Play Policy - 2003**

A group is considered out of position if they are taking more than the allotted time to play and are behind by one hole or more during the round.

4 Hour and 15 Minute Allotted Time to Play Table

		9 Holes								
		Course A								
Hole		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Time Per Hole (Minutes & Seconds)		14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15
Total Time (Hours & Minutes)			0:28	0:42	0:57	1:11	1:25	1:39	1:54	2:08

		18 Holes																		
		Course A									Course B									
Hole		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Time Per Hole (Minutes & Seconds)		14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:15
Total Time (Hours & Minutes)			0:28	0:42	0:57	1:11	1:25	1:39	1:54	2:08	2:22	2:36	2:51	3:05	3:19	3:33	3:48	4:02	4:16	

- **** Per the USGA “Behind by one hole or more” shall be defined as follows. The group:
- reaches the teeing ground of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee;
 - reaches the teeing ground of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear;
 - or
 - reaches the teeing ground of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

Thank You
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