

**PACE OF PLAY POLICY (w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.)**

- 1. The time allotted for a full round of 18 holes is 4 hours & 23 minutes (see time par for the course given below) for a fourball inclusive of a break at the half way house.**

**Time Par in minutes:**

Fourball from White Tees				
Hole	Time Par	Hole	Time Par	
1	13	10	12	
2	14	11	15	
3	14	12	13	
4	9	13	10	
5	16	14	17	
6	15	15	9	
7	15	16	15	
8	9	17	14	
9	17	18	16	
	Front Nine : 2hrs 02 mins		Back Nine : 2hrs 01mins	
Break	20 mins			
TOTAL	4hrs 23 mins			

- 2. Players are allowed the following time as soon as it is their turn to play, for making a stroke:**

**-First to play in a group: 40 seconds**

**-Subsequent to play: 35 seconds**

**Players must check the wind, select the club, verify their line of play/putt, well in advance and not wait to do these acts till it is their turn to play.**

**Players are encouraged to play 'ready golf', in a safe & responsible way, even if it is not their turn to play.**

- 3. Groups must maintain their position with the group in front.**
- 4. Players in a group should advise slow players in their group if any, to play faster and comply with the pace of play policy. Every member in a group is responsible for the pace of play of the group. Members are responsible for the slow play of the guests introduced by them.**
- 5. Players are encouraged to play from tees which suit their ability.**
- 6. Players are encouraged to take advantage of the local rule which entitles them to play from the point where the ball was lost or went OB rather than take the stroke & distance option which will result in more time taken.**
- 7. Players should invite faster groups to play through. Groups playing a full round of 18 holes have the priority on groups playing lesser than 18 holes. Groups playing a club tournament/match have the priority on groups playing a regular game.**
- 8. If a player believes his ball is likely to be lost or out of bounds, he should play a provisional ball.**
- 9. In a tournament in which the format is a form of stroke play like stableford or par/bogey, the player should pick-up the ball, if he or she is not going to get any points or is going to get a minus score. In a 'maximum score' format in which the maximum score is specified, like double bogey, players should pick-up their ball as soon as they reach the maximum score.  
In general play, it is recommended that players pick-up their balls if they are going to score more than a triple bogey on any hole.**
- 10. The designated marshals are empowered to inform groups that they are slow/out of position and to speed up. If the group after being informed by the marshal that they are out of position, fails to catch-up with the group in front, the marshal will individually time players**

**in the group and record these times in timing sheets. Groups as a whole will also be timed to determine the time taken for completion of the round. These timing sheets will be the basis for the Committee to apply penalties in addition to any other information that the Committee has obtained.**

#### **11. Penalties In Tournament Play.**

**The marshals will first officially inform a group that they are ‘out of position’ and ask the group to catch up with the group in front. If the group does not regain its position within a reasonable time, the marshals will inform all players in the group that they will be subject to individual timing.**

**If after being officially informed and individually timed, and a player is still in violation of the time allowance, the marshals will submit the timing sheets to the tournament committee. Based on the timing sheets, it is the sole discretion of the Committee to apply stroke penalties/disqualification penalty, if it deems fit, as under:**

**Penalty For First Breach: One stroke penalty**

**Penalty For Second Breach: Two strokes penalty**

**Penalty For Third Breach: Disqualification**

**A player’s score for the round will be adjusted accordingly if penalties are applied.**

#### **12. Penalties For General Play:**

**The Committee will examine the timing sheets of players violating the pace of play policy and also consider other relevant information.**

**Repeated breach of pace of play policy will entitle the Committee to use its discretion to prohibit a player from playing in a certain number of tournaments and/or prohibiting play for a limited time on the course, to protect the interests of the majority of players who follow these guidelines.**