

## What Does Ready Golf Mean?

“**Ready golf**” is a commonly used term which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the “farthest from the hole plays first” stipulation in the Rules of Golf. **Ready Golf** helps to speed up play.

Below are examples of “**Ready Golf**” and collectively these can help speed up play and ensure that your round is done in the 4-hour time frame.

- \* Hit a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away is not ready to hit.
- \* Shorter hitters should hit first from the tee *or* fairway, since longer hitters may need to wait.
- \* Hit your next shot before helping someone look for a lost ball.
- \* Putt out even if it means standing close to someone else’s line.
- \* Hit your shot if a person who has just played from a bunker is still farthest but is delayed due to raking the bunker. Sometimes you might find that it is even appropriate and time saving to rake the sand trap for another.
- \* When a player’s ball has gone off of a green, any player should play on while the other player is having to walk to their ball.
- \* Mark your scorecards upon immediate arrival *at the next tee box*. If you are not a scorekeeper you should be ready to tee off first.

**Ready Golf** is your friend and is the appropriate way to play a friendly or league round. Please, if you find yourself in a group that is taking more than 4 hours to play 18 holes . . . these suggestions, and other Pace of Play strategies, need to be put into play.

No one is asking you to rush around the golf course but if you can adhere to some simple things to speed up your game then it is your obligation to do so. Groups behind you are not expecting their round to take 4 ½ hours. And it is unfair to them to have to wait on a group not willing to put into action things that can result in a more reasonable pace of play.

