



Pace of Play Policy

Our goal is to ensure that every golfer enjoys a relaxed and enjoyable round of golf. A reasonable pace of play helps everyone make the most of their time on the course, maintains flow, and enhances the playing experience for all.

1. Course Authority

1.1 The **Pro Shop staff** have full authority over play on the course at all times.

1.2 **All golfers** must check in with the Pro Shop before play.

1.3 The Pro Shop will monitor pace of play throughout the day and have the right to take corrective action if necessary.

2. Pace Expectations

2.1 To keep play enjoyable and fair for everyone:

- Play 'Ready Golf'
- **Keep up with the group ahead**, not just ahead of the group behind.
- If you lose a full hole, you are considered **out of position** and should speed up or allow faster groups through.
- An appreciation that a fourball will not keep up with a two or three ball but if they are maintaining good pace, they are not **out of position**.
- An expectation that a one or two ball may be slow behind multiple groups of three &/or four balls.

2.2 Suggested guide for a smooth pace:

Haughton	Fourball	Threeball
	3 hours 50 mins	3 hours 40 mins
Blairs	1 hour 40 mins	1 hours 30 mins

3. Keeping Up the Pace

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot.
- Leaving your trolley in line with the next tee before you putt.
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

4. Enforcement

To maintain fairness and consistency:

1. **The Professional Shop Team will contact any group in breach of this policy as agreed upon by council.**

The staff's decision on pace of play is final and made in the best interests of all players on the course.

5. Respect and Courtesy

Pace of play is a shared responsibility. Please treat staff and fellow golfers with respect and understanding. Cooperation ensures everyone enjoys the course equally. Under no circumstances is it acceptable to demand that other members get a move on. This is not golfing etiquette and falls below the standards expected of us all at Deeside.

6. Continuous Improvement

The Club regularly reviews course setup and tee time intervals to support better flow and member enjoyment. Feedback is always welcome through the Pro Shop or Club Office.