

LWGA Pace of Play Policy

Reasonable **Pace of Play** is critical to the enjoyment of golf and the well-being of the game overall.

In conjunction with the recent Golf Committee Announcement on Pace of Play (6/29/23), the Board of Directors of the LWGA has adopted the following policy:

1. The actual time in which you should have completed a hole (regardless of starting time or the hole you started on) is on the bottom of every score card. The purpose of this is to provide a measurable guidance to all players.
2. Pace of Play will be monitored by our Landings Club professional staff.
3. Staff are authorized to request that groups who have fallen one full hole behind due to slow play to pick up and skip the next hole. The score you should record should be one that allows no points (positive or negative) for the hole. This is typically NET par. If there are questions, put an "X" and it will be adjusted by the scorer.

Foursomes that have fallen behind are encouraged to agree among themselves and take this action before being requested to skip a hole by the staff.

Requests by Club Staff are not to be ignored. Proper golf courtesy and decorum are expected to be maintained. Club staff will be provided a copy of the policy.

Questions on the policy should be addressed to LWGA Officers, not club staff doing their job.

Please understand that the purpose of this policy is not to be punitive. It is to maintain an enjoyable game, ensure that all players are able to partake in the food and beverage after our matches in a timely manner and strike the balance between competitive and friendly golf that is the hallmark of the LWGA.

USGA rules that apply in these circumstances:

1. In games where scores should be posted, including match play singles and 4-ball, players shall record a net par for holes not played. (i.e. If you are allowed 1 stroke on a par 4, you would post a 5. If you are allowed 2 strokes on a par 4, you would post a 6)
2. Players are not required to putt out to record a score. **If Players are out of a hole – Players should pick-up – and record a most likely score.** A most likely score may be a max score. If on the green, allow 1 putt within 5 feet of the hole or 2 putts outside of five feet. Approximations with the intent of recording a most likely score are acceptable.
3. **Once a match is over in Match Play, Players should return to the clubhouse** (not play out the remaining holes) and record net pars for holes not played.
4. The **Maximum** allowable time to look for a lost ball is 3 minutes, starting when you arrive at the general location of the lost ball.

5. Assistance is available after every round to determine the score to record if there are any questions.

A note about ready golf: Ready golf is the guiding policy of LWGA. Ready Golf means every player is ready to hit when it's their turn or they can safely play their next shot – **whichever comes first.**

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