



2023 NAWGA Pace of Play Policy

To ensure that NAWGA tournaments are completed in timely play for the entire field and are completed in as close to the normal four-hour limit as possible, we ask that you follow these suggestions and tips.

💡 **Maintain Pace of Play at all times** – When playing partners, it is highly recommended that you pick up your ball if you are out of the hole and record either the most likely score that you would have made had you completed the hole or a double net bogey, whichever is lower, as appropriate for the situation and depending on the format of play.

The most likely score is:

- The number of strokes already taken to reach the position on the hole, plus
- The number of strokes the player would most likely require to complete the hole from that position, plus
- Any penalty strokes incurred during play of the hole.

💡 **Play “Ready Golf” -- not Honors Golf** – especially off the tee.

💡 **Adhere to the 40-Second rule** – Make each stroke in 40 seconds or less (aim for 20 seconds). This includes yardage and club selection, setup, and swing. (The swing is less than two (2) seconds).

💡 **Keep up with the group in front of you** – Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you.

💡 **Place approach clubs between the flag and your golf cart when on the green** – Park your cart past the flag towards the next tee.

💡 **Record scores after moving away from the green** – Never record your scores before moving away from green.

💡 **Take clubs into the cart with you from tee box thru the green** – Clean clubs and put into your bag at the next stop. (This simple move can cut 20 to 25 minutes for 18 holes)

💡 **Take three clubs with you on “Cart Path Only” holes** – Take the one you think you need and the one above/below.

💡 **Use a buddy system when sharing a cart** – Don’t wait in the cart while your cart mate hits and then drive to the ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cart mate pick you up or drive to your ball after you drop your cart mate off and then pick her up after you hit.

Note: If each player in foursome saves five seconds per shot, their round would be shortened by 30 minutes.