



EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S
GOLF ASSOCIATION®

Los Angeles, CA Chapter

Pace of Play Tip Sheet

It should take about 4.5 hours to play a regulation-length 18-hole course. We all need to target that pace of play by playing “ready golf” and by employing strategies for catching up if we fall behind.

READY GOLF: MAINTAINING PACE OF PLAY

AT ALL TIMES

- Be ready to play when it is your turn
- Short hitters hit first – when it is safe
- Take only one practice swing
- Watch where your partners' ball goes
- Hit a provisional ball if you think your ball may be lost outside a hazard

ON THE TEE

- Always take a spare ball with you to the tee

ON THE FAIRWAY

- Park the cart between your ball and your partner's ball, or drop off your partner then drive to your ball
- Limit search for lost balls to no more than 2 or 3 minutes
- If unsure which club to use, take 2 or 3 clubs with you
- Help rake bunkers if you are waiting to hit

ON THE GREEN

- The player with the ball closest to the flagstick removes the flagstick from the hole
- Place your cart or golf bag ahead of you and on the way to the NEXT tee
- Line up your putt while waiting for your turn to putt
- Once you start putting, FINISH, unless you will step on another's putting line
- The first person to complete the hole places the flag back in the hole when all have finished
- Exit the green promptly, marking your scorecards while waiting at the next tee

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How do you know when you are behind?

You are behind if you arrive at a tee box and the group in front of you has finished the hole, or, on a 5-par hole if the group in front of you is on the green.

STRATEGIES FOR CATCHING UP

- Play a “shamble” until you catch up
Three players move their drive to where the longest drive landed – then play your own ball from there. (A shamble is different than a scramble.)
 - Carry your ball to the 100-yard or 50-yard marker and practice your short game
 - Let the group behind you play through
 - Pick up your ball if necessary.
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How to score when you pick up your ball:

No Handicap – If you start but do not complete a hole, record the score you most likely would have made using your best judgment.

Handicap players – Please note: picking up your ball does not prevent you from posting your score, if you score in accordance with Equitable Stroke Control. So, if you start but do not complete a hole, record the score you most likely would have made, i.e. strokes already taken, plus, your best judgment of the number of strokes you would need to complete the hole from the spot where you picked up your ball. You may not post a score that exceeds your Equitable Stroke Control maximum:

- If your score on any hole is higher than your maximum, score the maximum below:
- Equitable Stroke Control:

Handicap	<u>0-9</u>	<u>10-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40+</u>
Maximum Strokes	6	7	8	9	10

- Remember, your handicap for the course may be higher or lower than your index depending on the difficulty (slope) of the course.