

Lakewood Country Club Pace of Play Hints

Lakewood Country Club considers pace of play an essential ingredient to an enjoyable round of golf. It is for that very reason that the LCC Pro Shop Staff closely monitors the "pace of play" throughout the day.

1. First and foremost, a group should arrive at the golf course 15 minutes prior to their "tee time". If a group is not at the 1st Tee at their designated tee time, their group will be bumped back. The starter is the sole arbitrator in this situation.
2. Please keep pace with group in front of you. There should not be an open hole in front of your group. If you see a gap starting to occur, that should be your clue to speed up your pace play. This is not a horserace, and if the group in front of you is playing inordinately fast, this will be taken into account.
3. Be ready to hit your shot when your turn comes. Practice swings are normally a wasted effort, they will in fact tense you up and result many times in an errant shot.
4. When you arrive at the green, and you are required "chip up", take the appropriate club along with your putter so that you will not have to return to your cart/bag.
5. When you are done on the "green", leave the green area immediately and do the housekeeping chores, i.e., club cleaning / scorekeeping at the next tee.
6. When riding in a cart, go directly to your or your partners ball, drop one or the other off, and proceed to the others ball, and play on.
7. The golf course is not the place to be giving golf instructions. The appropriate venue is the Practice Range or the Putting Green.
8. Someone in your group, should have a rudimentary knowledge of the rules of golf. Time is wasted on the course trying to figure out what to do, when a ball is hit into the woods, water or out of bounds. For example, one group of golfers who regularly play at LCC, have decided that when a ball is hit out of bounds, that the player immediately goes to the point where the ball went "out", drops another ball, and plays from there. This is not in accordance with USGA rules, but all golfers in the group go by this method and everyone is on the same "playing field."
9. Finally, please remember that there are goiters on the course behind you. They would like to complete their round of golf in a reasonable period of time. Your groups pace of play will directly affect the time that they spend on the course. If you can not maintain a reasonable pace of play, please allow the group behind you to play through.