

How long does it take you to play 9 holes?

Here is some information that may answer some questions. It should take you 2 hours and 10 minutes, but we know it is taking a lot longer than that. This doesn't affect you much if you play early but as the day wears on the rounds are taking longer and longer and longer. It is, without question, up to the early groups to set the pace of play. What you do at 2:00 affects those who play later. What each one of us must do is pay attention to how we are playing. There are several things we should always do for us to make our Tuesday evenings successful and fun for everyone. Make sure you are familiar with the new Rules of golf.

1. Keep up with the group ahead of you. If everyone does this the problem is solved. Don't rush just play smart and efficient golf.
2. The highest score you can take on a hole is a 10. If you are clearly not going to make it in 10 strokes or less (including penalties and whiffs) then save yourself and others from frustration...pick up your ball and record a 10(X) for that hole.
3. Yes, you have every right to look for your ball but please be reasonable about it. Everyone in the group should be watching each other's shots to see where they land. Know when it is time to say goodbye to the lost ball.
4. Play "ready golf." This is especially helpful on and around the green. If you are ready first say so and go ahead with your shot.
5. Make sure to sign and date your card and legibly print the **first and last name** of each player. If we do not know who you are, we cannot record your scores.

Finally, I must remind everyone to count all their shots. What you need to understand is that the scores you are shooting determine your handicap. If you are not counting your whiffs and penalties, you will end up with a handicap that is not accurately reflecting your game. This will hurt you when the eclectic and scramble awards are determined. You could end up competing in the same flight as women who consistently golf better than you! The handicap system levels the playing field for all of us...do yourself a favor and record true and accurate scores. For those of you who don't have a handicap, we will be formulating one for you.

One more thing...due to the high volume of women playing there is a minimum of 3 playdays are required in order to play in the scramble. Call me if you have questions. Happy Golfing!

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