



# Golf Saskatchewan

## Tips To Assist Pace of Play (POP)

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1. If your group keeps up with the group ahead of you (within 14 minutes = **14:59**).
  - a. Accomplish this and your group will NEVER be out of position.
2. Always look ahead – not behind!
  - a. Your group's place is directly behind the group in front of you ...  
It **is not** in front of the group behind you.
3. If you are not taking your bag up to the Teeing area, bring an extra ball and/or tee, just in case.
4. All players and caddies should spot the player's shot in case assistance is needed in searching for a ball(s).
  - a. Use a marker in the distance as a reference point (such as a tree, building or the like).
5. Play a provisional ball if you think the original **might** be lost:
  - a. Outside a Penalty Area (PA), or
  - b. Out of Bounds (OB).
6. Take equipment with you to avoid going to your bag for a provisional ball or changing club(s).
7. Plan your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing.
  - a. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
    - i. This includes finding your yardage, selecting your golf club to play, putting your glove on, and the rest of your pre-shot routine.
  - b. Minimize your practice swings.
    - i. A player should attempt to play without delay.
  - c. No more than 40 seconds to hit a shot.
    - i. This includes all pre-shot routines, club selection, etc.
8. On the putting green:
  - a. study your line of putt while others in your group are preparing to putt provided it does not interfere with their play.
9. Please putt out when possible and play ready golf when it is safe to do so.
10. Return the flagstick into the hole as soon as possible to avoid a potential missed checkpoint.
  - a. Reminder, standing at the side of the putting green with the flagstick in your hand may cost the group a missed checkpoint. (\*exception for a group/player putting with the flagstick in the hole)
11. Walk briskly between shots (or drive the power cart, if allowed,) without undue delay.
12. Proceed directly to your golf ball; do not follow others unless you are assisting in a search.
13. If using a power cart, take several clubs with you → This avoids having to walk back to the power cart.
14. Park power carts and leave golf bags towards the rear of the green or nearest point in the direction of the next hole so when your group has completed putting you will be moving away from the field of play.
15. Mark your scorecard while walking to the next teeing ground and not on the putting green.
16. A faster pace has been proven to lead to better scores.
  - a. Remember, a 15-second delay per player/hole makes the round 13 minutes longer.
  - b. Play faster = lower scores.

**PLAY WELL, PLAY FAST.**  
**PLAY POORLY, PLAY FASTER!!!**