

# **GSWGA**

## **PACE OF PLAY PRINCIPLES**

1. Play "Ready Golf".
2. Keep up with the group in front of you.
3. A group is considered out of position if it is (a) behind the prescribed schedule and (b) reaches a hole that is open and free of play. Groups may be monitored and encouraged to speed up play if they reach a hole that is open and free of play.
4. Groups should average 16 minutes to play a hole. Rounds should average 5 hours in length.
5. Plan your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing.
6. Take several clubs with you to your ball so you won't have to walk back to the cart.
7. Be ready to play when it is your turn to play.
8. Line up your putt when others are putting.
9. Player should take no more than 40 seconds to make a stroke after the player is able to play without interference or distractions.
10. Play 2 balls if uncertain of correct procedure. Report facts to Pro and GSWGA rules person before returning scorecard.
11. Play a provisional ball if you think the original might be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.
12. Do not search more than the permitted 3 minutes for a potentially lost ball.
13. Consider leaving the flagstick in the hole when putting (No penalty if ball hits the flagstick).
14. Exit the green promptly after holing out. Record scores and replace clubs at the next teeing area.
15. A player is expected to pick up her ball after the maximum number of strokes are played (12).