

The Rules of Ready Golf

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"Ready Golf" means thinking ahead so that you are ready to play when it is your turn. "Ready Golf" applies everywhere - on tees, fairways and on the greens.

Teeing Off: The player with the honors should be ready to hit first. If the player with the honors is not ready, then someone else should hit first.

On the Fairway: "Ready Golf" means all golfers should go to their balls as soon as possible and get ready to play their shots. While waiting to hit, players should survey their shot, select their club, and stand at their ball ready to go when it is their turn. Hint: walk down the sides of the fairway to reach your ball and determine your club selection while walking.

On the Green: "Ready Golf" means getting ready to putt before it is your turn. Players should line up their putts while other players are putting, so they are ready to putt when it's their turn. "Ready Golf" also means putting continuously if the ball is not in someone else's line and if the player does not have to spend a lot of time surveying the putt. For example: If you miss a putt by one or two feet then you should make the putt instead of marking the ball and waiting for another turn (unless you will be standing in someone else's line - then mark your ball and wait your turn).

Farthest from the Hole: There is no reason "Ready Golfers" can't play in the order of who is farthest from the hole. The person farthest from the hole should be ready to play first. When someone hits a shot, but is still farthest from the hole, the next player should hit to keep continuous play.

In summary: "Ready Golf" means being ready to play, not playing when you're ready.

- 1) Walk to your ball as soon as possible, so that you can choose your club and think about the shot in advance.
- 2) When a ball is lost, hit your shot first and then help look for the lost ball.
- 3) Walk down the sides of the fairway to reach your ball and then approach it from the center.
- 4) Never play in a caravan, moving in a group from ball to ball.
- 5) When on the green, line up your putt before it is your turn.