



## **PACE OF PLAY TIPS**

The following tips will enhance your tournament experience and can keep your group from receiving a warning and penalty strokes during your round.

- Show identifying marks on your golf ball to fellow competitors.
- Get your yardage before it is your turn to play.
- Read your putt before it is your turn to play.
- Recognize when someone will need the flag tended or your ball marked.
- Get to your next shot without delay. It is more important what you do between shots than during.
- Play “ready” golf. When you are ready to play go ahead with your shot even if you are not away. Make sure your fellow competitors are aware you are playing your shot.
- Know where your group is in relation to the group in front of you.
- Anyone can search for a lost ball. Have your parents and spectators one shot ahead of your group to spot errant shots.
- If your ball might be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a Provisional Ball (Rule 27-2).
- If a situation arises and you do not know how to proceed, play a second ball under Rule 3-3 and continue play if a Marshal or Rules Official is not immediately available. You must announce which ball you are going to use for your score to your fellow competitors. You must report the facts to the Rules Official afterwards regardless of score.
- Place golf bag off the putting green near the next teeing ground. This avoids holding up the following group to hit while a player retrieves their golf bag from the front of the green.