

25 Easy Ways to Speed Up Play

1. Play like you have only three hours to finish the round before sunset
2. Ditch the head covers. Taking them on and off all day is a serious time suck.
3. Play it forward at least one tee box.
4. Check the time when you tee off and check every three holes. For some reason it helps make you play faster.
5. Mixed foursome? Forward tee players should ride with other forward tee players. Back tees with back tees.
6. Agreeing to play “ready golf” is essential for a casual round. But you’ll play faster if you keep putting until your ball is conceded or holed.
7. Only mark a short putt to clean it.
8. Don’t wait for dawdlers. They’ll start playing faster as a result.
9. First golfer on a Par 3 gets the yardage and announces it to everyone.
10. First on a Par 3 stands ready to fill divot holes.
11. Glean as much knowledge as you can about your next shot while approaching it.
12. Approximate yardages instead of walking them off.
13. Waiting? Take as many practice swings/strokes as you want. Your turn? Take one!
14. Always be moving forward. If you have to double back for anything-bag, cart, clubs-you’re losing time
15. Hit your ball first, then help others search. They’ll typically find the ball without your help.
16. Always have a spare ball ready.
17. Two players in the same bunker? The last one to hit rakes. The first one to escape marks and reads the putt during the raking.
18. Unless the cart is going to or from the tee box, there should never be more than one person in it.
19. A little radical for some, but leaving the flagstick in the hole saves a lot of time. (I can see some instances where this makes sense. WS)
20. Refuse to leave the flagstick in? First to putt out grabs the flagstick and waits to put it back. Always.
21. Have an exit strategy. Know where the next tee box is and be prepared to make a direct exit toward that box as soon as the hole is finished.

22. Jokes and stories are best told after teeing off, not before. Otherwise you're interrupting another player's preparation. (Telling a long winded story with an open fairway or green is actually a crime. WS, P of P Czar).
23. Beverage cart approaching? Wave it over to where your ball is located, if possible. Play your shot, and then order. And keep the conversation brief.
24. Playing on the tail of the people in front of you will subconsciously push them to play faster, even if they try not to.
25. Nothing else working? In the age of smartphones and social media, it's easy to document slow play. Single out the slow players on Snapchat, Instagram, et al. If it does nothing else, it will serve as cheap therapy.

These tips were copied from a Golf Digest article of the same title that was written by Ron Kaspriske. I believe that it is worth copying and looking at once in a while. Familiarizing yourself with these tips and adopting those that are appropriate should make Pinseeker golf even more fun.

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