



Pebble Beach Golf Links Pace of Play Guidelines

A recent USGA survey shows that 74% of golfers believe appropriate pace of play is critical to the enjoyment of their rounds. Pebble Beach Company has made a concerted effort in enacting the best practices that will positively affect the pace of play at Pebble Beach Golf Links. We thank you in advance for doing your part and respecting your fellow guests by consistently keeping pace with the preceding group throughout your round.

How We Manage Pace of Play

Means of Transportation

Because carts must remain on the paths at Pebble Beach, we have found that those players who walk the course have an easier time keeping pace. If you are unable to walk the course and would benefit from special access, please contact the pro shop at 831-625-8565 in advance to make arrangements.

Tee Captain

On the 1st tee, you will be greeted by our tee captain, who will provide helpful information as you prepare for your round. Notable items as it pertains to pace of play include a recommendation as to the appropriate set of tees to play based on skill level and a reminder of your pace of play expectation.

How We Use Technology to Our (and Your) Advantage

Pebble Beach Golf Links now utilizes a GPS-enabled hardware and software system to help us manage pace of play. Before your round, our starter will clip to one bag in your foursome a GPS unit that tracks your positioning in real time. Each unit on the golf course feeds data into a software program that our pace manager and player assistants can view from any connected device, allowing them to identify issues as they develop. As a result, our player assistants are now able to dedicate nearly all of their time to helping, rather than identifying, the groups in need.

Player Assistants

Our player assistants are positioned throughout the golf course to help with any needs you might have during your round. Additionally, our player assistants monitor the pace and spacing of all groups on the golf course and take the following steps to ensure pace of play stays on target:

- If your foursome falls more than two shots behind the group in front of you, our player assistants will provide an initial friendly reminder that you close the gap within a hole. We understand that brief delays happen from time to time but appreciate you regaining your position shortly thereafter.
- If after two holes you have not regained your position, a player assistant will join your group as a forecaddie to help you quickly close the gap.
- If your group is unable to move back into position after three holes with the help of a player assistant, you will be provided options to move back into position, such as skipping the necessary number of shots, or offered to restart your round behind the last group, when you will not feel pushed by anyone behind you.

Pace of Play Expectations by Tee Time

We have found the following pace targets to be both attainable and enjoyable for the majority of our guests. Please be prepared to play accordingly.

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| First off – 4 hours | 8-8:50 a.m. – 4:30 | 10-10:50 a.m. – 4:45 | Noon and later – 4:55 |
| 6:30-7:50 a.m. – 4:15 | 9-9:50 a.m. – 4:40 | 11-11:50 a.m. – 4:50 | |



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How to Help Your Group Keep Pace

Below are a few of the most important rules and etiquette changes as it pertains to pace of play enacted recently by the USGA. We appreciate you keeping these in mind during your round:

Play Ready Golf

Please play whenever it is safe to do so. The old etiquette of “you’re away” no longer applies, according to the USGA’s rules modernization initiative.

Ball Lost or Out of Bounds

Pebble Beach Company has adopted the new local rule allowing players an alternative to the traditional “stroke and distance” penalty for a ball lost or out of bounds. Please proceed to the edge of your fairway nearest where your ball was lost or last crossed the boundary line and drop under penalty of two strokes.

Flagstick

It is no longer a penalty to strike the flagstick while in the hole with a shot played from the green. Waiting for someone to tend or pull the flag now unduly slows down play.

It’s OK to Pick Up

The World Handicap system allows for a maximum score of a net double bogey on a hole. If you reach it, pick it up, regroup, and try again on the next hole.

- 0-9: double bogey
- 10-19: 7
- 20-29: 8
- 30-39: 9

Aim to Play in No More Than 20 Seconds

From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in no more than 20-seconds once arriving at your ball.

Keep Up with the Group in Front of You

Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you.

Pebble Beach Company and the USGA share the following “age old” tips for speeding up play:

Get Ready for Your Shot Before You Reach Your Ball

Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play.

When You Share a Cart, Work Together

While your playing partner hits, get out of the cart and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn, and let your partner pick you up. Whenever possible, park your cart ahead of your ball, not behind it.

Be Efficient on the Putting Green

Line up your putt while others are putting. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

Play Formats Other Than Stroke Play

Match play, Stableford, best ball, and other formats are easy and fun alternatives to individual stroke play that don’t involve every player holing out on every hole.



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How to Choose The Appropriate Set of Tees for Your Game

Pebble Beach Company is a supporter of the USGA's "Tee It Forward" initiative, as we both believe the game is more enjoyable when played from the appropriate set of tees for your game. As a guideline, you should be able to consistently and comfortably reach each green in regulation from the tees you choose to play. Please take into consideration that Pebble Beach's mild climate and heavy coastal air makes the course play longer than the yardage stated below:

| AVERAGE 7-IRON HITTING DISTANCE (YARDS) | TEES | OVERALL COURSE LENGTH (YARDS) |
|---|-------|-------------------------------|
| < 120 | RED | 5,000-5,300 |
| 121-135 | GREEN | 5,500-5,800 |
| 136-150 | WHITE | 6,000-6,200 |
| 151-170 | GOLD | 6,400-6,600 |
| > 170 | BLUE | 6,700-7,000 |

