



St. Andrews

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Pace of Play Program

Please note: new permanent time groups are booked under the provision that a 4 – 6 week “Keep Pace Trial Period” is satisfied, in order to continue your t-time for the summer. Please see below for your t-time's pace requirements.

1. What is the pace of play program at St. Andrews? Simply defined, the basic premise of keep pace is to maintain a 9 minute interval throughout the round with the group ahead of you.

2. Not all groups can play at the same pace, how do you expect our group to keep pace? For many years, we have tracked the amount of time each permanent time has taken to play. Based upon this information, we have established an expected length of round requirement for each individual t-time. Keep in mind this is based upon the t-time, weather factors, course conditions, different groups assigned to this time and many other factors. We are confident that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions.

3. If the basic requirement of pace of play is to maintain a 9 minute interval with the group ahead, why set time requirements? Time requirements are set so we can judge how a group is able to maintain pace. We change groups times based upon two factors: how many times a group has maintained pace and how many times the group has played within the expected length of round. A group may not finish within 9 minutes of the group ahead of them, but may finish within the time required. This would indicate that the group ahead may need to move to an earlier time. A group may finish 9 minutes behind the group ahead of them consistently, but not within the length of round expectation. This would indicate that groups ahead may need to have their times moved to later times, allowing following groups to play at their pace.

4. Our group plays in four hours. Why is this not good enough; why should we be punished and moved back? Our goal is not a system of rewards and punishments. We attempt to put groups with similar playing characteristics together. We feel a successful program is one in which groups can play at their natural pace of play, without feeling to need to rush or run. Our goal is to create a great experience. We feel this is achieved when you can concentrate on golf and not on your watch. Groups that play too fast are not felt to be good groups and groups that play slower are not felt to be bad groups. We appreciate all groups, and feel it is our responsibility to do what it takes to provide a reasonable length of round, as well as a reasonable pace of play.

5. What does the course do to monitor the pace of play?

a. Rangers on course. We schedule a ranger on each course to help monitor the pace of play. Their responsibility is to inform a group if they are not maintaining pace, and to do what they can to help a group regain pace.

b. Being on time at the first tee. This is a responsibility that both the course and each player share. We will continue to work to make sure that your round starts when you are scheduled.

c. Waiving up on par 3's. The difficulty of hole #2 and hole #3 on course #1 and hole #2 on course #2, makes it very difficult for an orderly progression of time at the start of the round. We feel that waiving up when asked to do so, enhances our ability to control the pace of play. If you are uncomfortable waiving up, then tell the ranger and you will not be required to do so.

6. What is the expected length of rounds?

Time	Expected length
5:30-5:45	3:45
5:52-6:30	3:49
6:37-7:37	3:58
7:45-8:45	4:07
8:52-9:30	4:15

7. What can we do to improve the pace of play?

a. Play ready golf.

b. Arrive at the tee at least 5 minutes prior to your tee time.

c. Stand a safe distance off the green and waive up when asked to do so.

d. We understand that there may often be alternate players in your group that may not understand the basics of keep pace. Encourage the players in your group to maintain the interval with the group ahead of you.

e. When using a cart, drop off a player at their ball and drive to your ball. Do not wait for your cart partner to hit their shot.

8. Will weekly results be posted? Yes, the results will be posted on the pro-shop windows.



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