

UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The University Golf Club has struggled with handling pace of play throughout its history. This is not unique, the game is hard and it takes just one group to slow down pace for everyone behind them. After years of repetitive slow play and numerous complaints about our pace, the board will be implementing a new Pace of Play policy for the 2016 season. Playing times will be monitored for the Ice-Breaker Individual Tournament, and then the policy will go into effect for the Stableford Tournament.

According to the scorecard, it should take 4 hours 13 minutes to play 18 holes of golf at Les Bolstad. We understand that tournament golf creates a challenge to play at that pace, so we are setting a 4:30 threshold for our tournaments.

If a lead group is not able to finish 18-holes at this pace, then all members in the group will be given a slow play penalty. The **first offense** will result in a **warning** for all members in the group. A **second** round completed over the established pace will incur a **TWO-STROKE PENALTY** to their 18th hole score. A **third** round completed over the established pace will incur a **FOUR-STROKE PENALTY** to their 18th hole score. A **fourth** round completed over the established pace will result in a **DISQUALIFICATION**.

We are aware that it is rarely you or your group's fault, therefore if you are unlucky and stuck behind that slow group causing you to finish in over 4:30, as long as you finish within 14 minutes of that slow group in front of you a penalty will not be given. However, if it takes you more than 14 minutes to finish you are now also penalized as a SLOW group.

Groups finishing their 18 holes over the expected 4:30 pace AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front, will be given a slow play penalty. The first offense will result in a warning for all members in the group. A second round completed over the established pace will incur a TWO-STROKE PENALTY to their 18th hole score. A third round completed over the established pace will incur a FOUR-STROKE PENALTY to their 18th hole score. A fourth round completed over the established pace will result in a DISQUALIFICATION.

Members will be able to reduce/remove slow play warnings/penalties accumulated by completing two consecutive tournaments within the established pace of play of 4:30.

It is the entire group's responsibility to meet our pace of play guidelines. We strongly encourage you to utilize Ready Golf and not waste valuable time hitting in a specific order. We will still follow Rule 10, Order of Play for match play.

Playing times will be posted on the club board, and penalty accumulation will be posted as well. If we as a club struggle to meet these expectations, then our preferred tee times will be lost.