

# Toledo Metro Golf Association Slow Play Policy

## REQUIRED PACE OF PLAY

For Individuals: Players are required to play each stroke within a maximum of 45 seconds (one minute for putts). **Group members may assess slow play penalties to offending players in their group who violate this rule as long as there is a majority agreement within the group (excluding the offending player).** First, warn the offending player. Then, if needed, invoke the following series of penalties: one stroke; two strokes; and finally, disqualification (offending player must leave the course immediately). **Do not allow an individual player in your group to cause slow play penalties for your entire group!**

For Groups: Groups must complete play within a maximum time limit of four hours, twenty minutes. **Official Warning – Groups who fail to complete play within the maximum time limit will be penalized unless they finish within 20 minutes of the previous group. If not, the following penalties will be assessed to each group member:**

**ONE STROKE:** Group finishes more than 20 minutes after previous group.

**TWO STROKES:** Group finishes more than 30 minutes after the previous group.

**DISQUALIFICATION:** Group finishes more than 45 minutes after the previous group.

### **GROUPS MUST SUBMIT THEIR SCORECARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLAY!**

**PLAYING REDI-GOLF:** Always know where your group is in relation to the group in front of your group. Stay within one hole of them to avoid slow play penalties to each group member!

- Eliminate “honors” if the fairway or green is clear. (i.e. First player ready to play should do so!) Only utilize honors when your group is waiting on the tee to play. If your group falls behind a hole or more, each player should immediately go to the next tee after holing out and tee off. Continue to play in this manner until your group catches up to the group in front of you.
- Walk directly to your ball unless you are needed to help search for another’s ball. Never walk as a group to each player’s ball and watch them hit it. Watch other group member’s shots while standing next to your ball. Also, utilize continuous putting whenever and wherever possible.