Essential Behavior for Fast Play

- **Stick to Your Tee Time**: Tee off at your assigned time. Do not start early, as it disrupts the course flow and creates gaps between groups.
- **Out of Position**: You are out of position if your group has fallen behind the allowed time limit **OR** the group ahead is at least one full hole ahead of you. At this point, it is essential everyone in the group plays fast and catch up **OR** separate into to twosomes to facilitate this. Two players done putting can move on to the next Tee box.
- **Traffic Jam Bottleneck**. You must stay right with the group in front of you. Finishing under the 4.5-hour limit is not enough. Falling behind triggers a bottleneck that causes every single group behind you to get backed up.
- **Play Ready Golf**: Hit your ball as soon as you are ready and it is safe to do so. Do not wait for a player who is further away if they are not prepared to hit.
- **Plan Ahead**: Walk to your ball and plan your shot while other players are preparing for theirs. Do not wait until it is your turn to start calculating your distance and planning your shot.
- **Drop off the furthest rider first** then drive to your ball. Check the distance with the cart GPS or range finder. Grab a few likely clubs so your partner can drive to their ball right away. Do this also when you must stay on the cart path.
- **Limit Practice Swings**: Minimize your practice swings to save time.

- **Search Limit**: Spend a maximum of **3 minutes** searching for lost balls. After 3 minutes, let it go. Your ball has lived a good life. Follow the recommended guidance for RPA (red penalty area) situations in our local rules.

- **Watch the Clock**: You have a maximum of **40 seconds** to play your shot once you reach your ball. The 40s includes any preparation, scoping the distance and pre-shot routine. Plan your shot while walking to your ball.

- **Putt Efficiently**: Plan your putts while others are preparing theirs, making sure you do not get in their way. Continuous putting is highly encouraged to keep things moving, especially if your group is running late.

- **Exit the Green Fast**: As soon as you finish putting, clear off the green quickly to wait for the rest of your group. This allows the group behind to hit up quickly. Do not linger on the green or practice missed putts.

- **When picking up at 9X (or what ever the number might be)**, you are finished playing the hole. Do not continue playing the hole for practice.

- **Catch Up Plan**:
  - If your group falls out of position, the first two players to sink their putts should head straight to the next tee box immediately to hit their drives and make up time.
  - Get into your cart quickly and drive to the next hole. Organize your clubs and record your scores when you get to the next hole.
  - Walk with purpose, do not saunter especially when you are behind.

- **Be aware** if you play slow. Observe what faster players do to play fast.