EBG PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Starting June 2, 2024, EBG will implement the following Pace of Play (PoP) Policy.

COMPLETION TIME:

- 1. Total time allowed to complete 18 holes is 4 hours 35 minutes which includes a 5-minute break after 9 holes. EC and TC may change the total completion time if the course, weather or other conditions warrant a change.
- 2. Each group will be provided paper scorecards which will have MAXIMUM allowable time to complete the play of each hole based on the group's scheduled starting time. This is called hole completion time and defined as the time when the last player in the group walks off the green.
 - a. Each hole's MAXIMUM allowable time includes time to search for balls and other common occurrences. Normally the hole should be completed faster than the time on the scorecard. Ready golf and making up lost time in the next hole are highly encouraged.

STAYING WITH THE GROUP AHEAD - BEING IN POSITION:

- 3. Each group will be required to stay "in position" of the group ahead. Being in position is defined as:
 - a. Reaching the teeing area of a par-3 before the group ahead has teed off on the next hole.
 - b. Reaching the teeing area of a par-4 before the group ahead leaves the putting green of that hole.
 - c. Reaching the teeing area of a par-5 before the group ahead gets to the putting green of that hole.

CHECKPOINTS AND TIME RECORDING:

- 4. EBG will implement 9th and 18th holes as the checkpoint holes within an 18-hole round.
- 5. Each group will be required to record actual hole completion time for "checkpoint holes" only.
- 6. Recording hole completion time for other holes is optional but highly encouraged for future improvements of the policy.
- 7. Each group will be expected to mark on the scorecard for each hole if they were in position of the group ahead or not
- 8. It is every player's responsibility to be aware of the group's position relative to the published hole completion time.

PENALTIES:

- 9. A group whose hole completion time exceeds the maximum allowable time on any checkpoint hole will be assigned one stroke PoP penalty per member unless the group was in position and finished the checkpoint hole within 15 minutes of the group ahead. A maximum of two PoP penalties may be assigned in 18 holes.
 - a. If the Committee identifies that a player (or players) in the group is the cause of the group failing to maintain pace of play and determines other players are playing within the requirements of this policy, those meeting the requirements of this policy may be absolved from penalty while others may not.
- 10. One member of the group will be designated to monitor and record hole completion time and being in position. This member will be responsible for informing others in the group if they are falling behind.

<u>UNREASONABLE DELAY:</u> In addition to the foregoing, if a player unreasonably delays play, they may be subject to penalty as outlined in USGA Rule 5.6a. If a Rules Officials determines that a player's slow play amounts to serious misconduct, a penalty of disqualification may be imposed in the first instance. (USGA Rule 1.2a.) Penalties for unreasonable delay are independent of penalties issued under the above pace of play policy (see USGA Rule 5.6a).

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Your pre-shot routine must be less than 40 seconds after placing your ball on the ground/tee.
- 2. If you have reached the maximum gross number of strokes (Par+5), please pickup your ball.
- 3. Total time to look for a lost ball is 3 minutes or less. During this time, other players in the group should continue with their shots.
- 4. Please play ready golf.
- 5. If your ball lies in a very difficult spot, you may be better off taking a drop.
- 6. If you hit out of bounds, take advantage of 2 stroke penalty and move forward.
- 7. Take a provisional shot, if needed, while you are still on the tee box.
- 8. Always carry one or more required clubs and an extra ball when walking away from your cart.
- 9. Sample Scorecard:

