Calderfields Golf and Country Club

General Information regarding Ready Golf

Calderfields Golf and Country Club encourage and promote "READY GOLF"

The R&A Statement on Ready Golf states that *"Ready golf" is a commonly used term which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the "farthest from the hole plays first" stipulation in the Rules of Golf.*

However, "Ready golf" is not appropriate in match play due to the strategy involved between opponents and the need to have a set method for determining which player plays first.

When "ready golf" is being encouraged, players must act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players.

The term "ready golf" is an all-purpose phrase for several actions that individually and collectively can improve pace of play. It also means thinking ahead so that you are ready to play when it is your turn and it applies everywhere – on tees, fairways and on the greens.

Some Ready Golf practices are:

➢ Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
➢ Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
➢ Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
➢ Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
➢ Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.
➢ Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
➢ When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot.
➢ Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

And finally, "Ready Golf" means being ready to play, not playing when you're ready.

PACE OF PLAY
Ready Golf. (FOR STROKE PLAY)

R&A

Hit your Shot

Hit your shot if the player who has just played from a bunker is still farther away but delayed due to raking the bunker.

Hit your shot before helping someone search for their ball.

Hit then Search

Putt Out

Putt out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.

Honour

Hit your tee shot if the player with the honour is not ready to play.

Play when a player who is farther away is facing a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.

Assessment

Shorter Hitters First

If the group in front is out of range, short hitters play first.

When a player's ball has gone over the back of the green, play if you are ready.

Over the Back