

## **Quail Valley Men's Golf Association Code of Conduct**

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, respecting the staff / fellow competitors and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the *course* – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing *bunkers*, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the *course*.

### **Penalties for breach of rule:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense- Verbal warning regarding behavior in question.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- 2 Stroke Penalty (General Penalty) / Loss of Hole (Match Play)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense- Disqualification

## **Quail Valley Men's Golf Association Pace of Play Policy**

Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than 1 ½ holes behind the group in front of them and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Procedure When Group is Out of Position

Referees will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is "out of position" should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made.

- If a decision is made to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and a referee will advise each player that they are "out of position" and they are being timed.
  - In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
  - The maximum time allocated per stroke is 20 – 30 seconds.  
[10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play: a) a tee shot on a par 3 hole; b) an approach shot to the green; and c) a chip or putt.]
  - The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time

taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.

- On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.
- Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense- Verbal warning regarding the position of the group in question.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: One-Stroke Penalty will be applied after players has been timed and found to taking longer than the time allotted.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Two-Stroke General Penalty will be applied in addition to the penalty for the first breach.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense- Disqualification