

Guidance for Tee Times and Pace of Play

Halesworth Golf Club

The recommendation is to arrive on the tee box, ready to play, at least 5 minutes before your allocated tee time.

To help everyone enjoy a smoother and fairer competition experience, please take a moment to review the following important rule:

Official Rule 5.3a – Time of Starting

You must start at your exact starting time. This means being at the tee, ready to play, with a club in hand when the starter (if allocated) calls your name.

Penalties for Early or Late Tee Off

- **On time:**
Stroke Play & Match Play: No penalty
- **Up to 5 minutes late:**
Stroke Play: General Penalty (2 strokes) applied to your first hole
Match Play: Loss of the first hole
- **More than 5 minutes late:**
Stroke Play: Disqualification
Match Play: Disqualification
- **Up to 5 minutes early:**
Stroke Play: General Penalty (2 strokes) applied to your first hole
Match Play: Loss of the first hole
- **More than 5 minutes early:**
Stroke Play: Disqualification
Match Play: Disqualification

Arriving late or teeing off early disrupts the flow of the competition and affects all players behind you. Please ensure your team arrives in good time.

Pace of Play Recommendations

Additionally, it has been observed that when a stray ball is hit, all four players are searching for it. To maintain pace of play, we suggest the following:

- The player who hit the stray ball, along with the nearest teammate, should search for it.
- The remaining two players should continue preparing for their next shots.
- When arriving at the green to putt out please leave your clubs / trolley's at the exit point to the next tee.
- Please leave the green ASAP and mark your cards on the next Tee box.

- If you find yourselves falling behind the group in front and the group behind are waiting please be courteous and let them play through. Your cooperation and adherence to these guidelines will greatly help the flow of play and ensure an enjoyable experience for all.