



Ready Golf

Westgate & Birchington Golf Club has adopted
"Ready Golf" philosophy

If you are ready to play and it's safe then play !

Stay within one shot of the group in front of you.

Hit when ready and safe
(no honour system except in Match Play).

Continue putting until you hole out even if it means
standing on someone else's line.

On the Tee

1. The player who is ready should hit.
2. Shorter hitters should hit first.
3. Tee-off as soon as the group ahead is clear.
4. Carry an extra ball in your pocket.

On the Fairway

5. Hit when ready and safe; do not use the honour system.
6. Take appropriate clubs to your ball and hit without delay.
7. Have your group watch where each shot goes.
8. Limit search for lost balls to 3 minutes (having hit your shot before helping someone find theirs).
9. Pick up your ball when unable to score in stableford competition.

On the Green

10. Place your clubs between green and next tee.
You'll be able to leave the flagstick in the hole when playing from on the green, rather than going to the trouble (and taking the time) to remove it, as now required.
11. Study your putt while others are putting.
12. Continue putting until holed out, except when playing Match Play competitions.
13. Leave the green immediately after holing out and proceed to the next tee. Complete your scorecard **after** you're off the green or whilst others are teeing off.

On Par 3 Greens

14. Upon reaching the green, if the group in front of you is waiting to hit on the next tee, stand in a safe area and have the group behind you hit.

Short cut

15. When driving a cart, drop your partner at his ball, then, continue to yours.

The 20 Second Rule of Thumb – Try it!

If you prepare properly, Players should be able to get off their putt within 20 seconds from when it is their turn. This means you should be able to approach the ball, take your stance and make your putt within 20 seconds. Obviously, you can only do this if you SURVEY the putt WHILE other players are putting. When you putt, you should always take your time, so you make a smooth, unhurried stroke. Ready Golf DOES NOT mean RUSHING. If you prepare in advance to putt, you can take your time AND play Ready Golf. If every person in a four ball could play each hole just 25 seconds quicker, then we will reduce the time to play each round by half an hour.

Ready Golf means BEING READY to play.... not playing when you're ready.