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## **The Crossings at Montevideo Policy on Pace of Play and Course Etiquette**

### **1. The Spirit of the Game**

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

### **2. Pace of Play**

Players should play at a good pace. The Board may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow. The Board has set the recommended time to complete nine (9) holes at 1:50-2:00.

It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement from the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Clear the green quickly and do your score keeping at the following tee box as your group tees off.

Beverage cart staff will take and fill beverage orders only at tee box area as groups are teeing off.

Play at Good Pace and Keep Up.

### **3. Priority on the Course**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. The term "group" includes a single player.

#### **4. Maximum Group Size**

The maximum group size allowed at The Crossings is five (5) players per tee time.

Special consideration will be granted to allow groups of six (6) players to play in a single group under the following circumstance:

- A. Group must have Pro Shop approval before beginning a round with six (6) players.
- B. Group must establish “lead” person in the group and this person will be responsible for any and all issues regarding the group. This person will have the final say on groups pace of play and players in that group will respect that person request to pick up your ball and proceed to the next tee box if “Pace of Play” becomes an issue for the group. Pro Shop must be informed of group “lead” person prior to play begins.
- C. All players in group must be qualified to play at a rapid pace. Groups of six (6) agree to limit any activity that might delay play; lost balls, phone calls, coaching other players during round, etc.
- D. Groups of 6 players must play at recommend pace of play and complete nine (9) holes in less than two (2) hours, no matter how many players are on the course.
- E. Groups that are allowed to tee off as a six-some must immediately allow any smaller group to play through when a group is waiting behind them. (Please refer back to “Priority on the Course” for definition of a group.)
- F. Being allowed to play as six will be determined by the circumstances of that day at the time the group wants to tee off. Permission granted to play as six on previous occasions does not have a bearing on the current day’s decision. However, groups that play as six and demonstrate an unwillingness or inability to adhere to the guidelines drafted here will be subject to the consequences stated in section seven (7).
- G. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will any group larger than a six-player group be allowed to play at any time on the course. No matter how many or how few players are on the course.

#### **5. Preventing Unnecessary Damage**

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of the club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason. Players will replace all divots made during round of golf.

Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down the flagstick or when placing the flagstick back into the hole. The Crossings utilizes plastic cup rings and specific care should be made when both removing the flagstick and replacing the flagstick to not disturb the positioning of this cup ring. If damage is done, it is the players’ responsibility to inform the pro shop at its earliest opportunity. No player should use any part of their putter or other club to remove ball from the cup on the green. Golf balls are to only be retrieved from the cup by hand.

All operators of either personal golf carts or Crossings rental carts will honor all cart signs, ropes and markers throughout the course. Cart drivers will be responsible for not driving cart into any marked off area and will be responsible for making sure that carts are on established paths around the green and tee box areas.

Carts will be only allowed on the cart paths provided on holes #1, #8 and #15. Carts are not allowed off the cart paths on these three holes under any circumstance.

If needed, Handicap Flags are available in the pro shop for those cases in which the player feels he or she should be entitled to some consideration for health reasons to proceed into marked off

areas or other restricted areas. Please see Pro Shop staff for use of this temporary flag to distinguish your cart during your round of golf.

## **6. Other on Course Considerations**

Players will always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making any unnecessary noise.

Before leaving a bunker, players will carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. Rakes will be left in the bunker on the opposite side of the bunker away from the putting green.

Players will repair any pitch marks made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself).

The overall safety of other players and course personnel should be considered prior to any shot being taken.

All members will treat each other, course personnel and our guests of the course with respect at all times.

## **7. Penalties for Breach of Guidelines or Course Etiquette**

The Board will establish a Committee of no less than three (3) board members and no more than three (3) members in good standing to oversee any issues that arise from failure to follow course policies and rules.

The employees of The Crossings have been instructed to oversee and uphold all of these policies. They have been instructed by the Board to inform anyone on the course of their failure to follow any of the above guidelines or policies and request them to immediately stop said behavior or actions. The staff person will inform the course General Manager by way of email or in person of any such breach of policies or guidelines.

Upon second notice to member of club for not following The Crossings Pace of Play and Golf Etiquette guidelines, the General Management will inform said established Committee to determine penalty for the breach of club guidelines.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others or the course in general, it is recommended that the Committee consider taking appropriate disciplinary actions against the offending player. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of events or competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers at our club who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.

In case of serious breach of Etiquette or course guidelines or treatment of course staff, the Committee may terminate the membership of said member.

## **8. Changes to The Crossings at Montevideo Policy on Pace of Play and Course Etiquette**

Any changes to said guidelines will be made public and highlighted in course Pro Shop after said changes have been made.