

# Minnehaha Country Club

## Policy Interpretation Statement

### Golf Policy #1 – Four Hour Rule

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The following Policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of Minnehaha Country Club (MCC) and has been in place for the benefit of the members of MCC.

***Golf Policy #1 – Four Hour Rule. (Adopted October 22, 2003, amended April 1, 2006). Minnehaha Country Club golf course is a 4 hour course, all groups must finish play in 4 hours or within 10 minutes of the group that immediately precedes them. The Golf Shop staff will monitor the course and will inform the Chairman of the [Competition] Committee of violations of this policy.***

***The [Competition] Committee Chairman will be responsible for sending a letter of notification to all members of a golf group that fail to complete their round in allotted time informing them that their pace of play was too slow.***

***In the event of a second infraction of this policy, the members in question will be required to use a riding card for a period of one month and if a golfer has a third violation he/she will be limited to tee times after noon on Saturdays and before noon and after 5:00 pm on Wednesdays for the rest of the season.***

It is one of the responsibilities of the Competition Committee to assist the Board of Directors and the golfing membership with methods to consistently observe and follow the above Policy for the enjoyment and benefit of all members. Accordingly, the Competition Committee offers the following suggestions to the golfing membership to utilize during play to assist with pace of play and the Policy:

1. Always observe and play “Ready Golf” among your group.
2. Let shorter hitters in your group play first off tee boxes if not interfering with group in front of you.
3. Watch other players’ tee shots off the tee box to help get a line/location on bad shots.
4. Prepare to play your shot while walking or riding toward your golf ball and/or when others in your group are playing their shots.
5. Be efficient with your pre-shot routine. One practice swing should be enough.
6. If you believe your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball immediately.
7. Don’t linger between the front and back nine and do what you have to do quickly.
8. Don’t get angry at Player’s Assistant if asked to move into position as they are just doing their job.
9. If two players are playing with a golf cart and golf balls fairly close to each other, drop first player at his/her golf ball and then immediately proceed to your golf ball.
10. If playing in a cart, hold onto the club you just used until you get to your next shot.
11. If playing in a cart and your ball is on green with your partner left with a short approach or chip, drop him/her off with club and putter. You can move the cart up to the green and prepare to putt while he/she plays his/her shot.
12. Whenever possible, position your carts/push carts/golf bags between you and the next tee.
13. If a player misses green from bunker or just short of green, other players should putt while bunker is raked and before player plays next shot.
14. Read your putt while others are putting.
15. At all times possible, observe the continuous putting rule to hole your golf ball without the need to mark the short putts.
16. If you have extra clubs with you on the green, place in obvious spot (by the removed flag stick) so you don’t forget them.
17. To save time and if not interfering, send first players completing the hole to the next tee to tee off.
18. The last player putting should not be the one replacing the flag.
19. Record your scores after you have vacated the previous green and on your way to next tee.
20. At the end of your round, clear the 18<sup>th</sup> green quickly and proceed towards clubhouse.