



## AFTON GOLF CLUB

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### Slow Play

Slow play may not seem like a golf tip on the surface, but the fact is, nothing can ruin a round of golf like slow play and waiting on every shot. There are two types of slow players. First, the novice golfer who just doesn't understand the nuances of maintaining a decent pace of play. For this player there is hope and it is our responsibility to show them the little things that help speed up play. Then there are the players who are slow because they are selfish and self-centered. They think it's all about them and hardly even realize there's anyone else on the golf course. They won't hit their shot until everybody is watching them. Sometimes this player will play slow on purpose to try to throw off an opponent.

Unfortunately when we play with a slow player we have to play faster to make up for their slow pace. Not fair. OK so here's what to do. Get together with the rest of your foursome and politely ask this player to pick up the pace. If this doesn't work, next the ultimatum, SPEED UP OR GET OUT. Also remember you have to keep up with the group in front of you, not just stay ahead of the group behind you. And, by the way, in my 22 years of running Afton Golf Club, it's become apparent to me that women generally play faster than men.

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