

## “Ready Golf”

The Golf Union of Wales will be incorporating “Ready Golf” during some or all stipulated rounds of this Championship. To assist players, below is some important information referring to what Ready Golf is, what we hope to achieve and implications on the Rules of Golf & the Championship.

### What is “Ready Golf”

Ready Golf is the encouragement of players to utilise their option to play out of turn in stroke-play competition, provided that this is not done in order to give a competitor an advantage (Rule 10-2c). Typical examples of appropriate use of Ready Golf are:

- Hitting your shot prior to assisting your fellow-competitor in a ball search
- A shorter hitting player playing when able to while a longer hitter waits for the group in front to clear
- Playing first when your fellow-competitor is still to arrive at their ball
- Playing first when your fellow-competitor is taking extra time examining a difficult shot

These examples are not exhaustive and other examples of opportunities to employ Ready Golf will present themselves during play.

### Why use “Ready Golf”

The Ready Golf initiative is designed primarily to improve pace of play during the Championship. Players will now have additional tools at their disposal to maintain scheduled playing times improving the Championship experience for all players.

### Things to Consider

Ready Golf is to be encouraged through-out the round **however players must not agree to play out of turn in order to give one of them an advantage e.g.** playing out of turn on the putting green for the sole reason to assist with the line of putt for a fellow-competitor.

Competitors must also consider the safety of themselves and their fellow-competitors when playing out of turn – **“Play when you are ready and it is safe to do so”**

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