

Willet Wilt

by Ken Kubik

In an effort to speed up play on the golf course and, therefore, produce a round of golf that is more fun to play, Willet has come up with some rather innovative ideas.

The three different flag colors being used for the last couple of years do not go far enough. The colors now only indicate whether the pin position is in the front, middle or back of the green. Willet suggests that you also put a large L, C or R on the flag so you will now know whether the pin is located on the left, center or right of the green.

Once you do get on the green, there will now be one of three different colored flagpoles. This would be according to the stimp meter reading of the speed of the greens for that day. If the green is slow, the pole would be red; if they're fast, it would be green; and if they're right in the middle, the flagpole would be yellow.

Play can be speeded up by reducing the time spent trying to decide what golf club to use. The number of clubs allowed will be reduced from 14 to three. You get to have a wood, an iron and a putter.

The golfers will only be allowed to have between three and six golfballs when playing a round of golf, depending on the difficulty of the golf course. Once a player has lost the allotted number of golfballs, the round will be considered over.

The next thing to be implemented will be borrowed from football. It seems that the golfer wants to know at all times how far he or she is away from the center of the green. We now have yardage markers in various forms on and around the fairways. The need for this will no longer be necessary. Willet Wilt recommends that all fairways be marked just like a football field — markings will be placed down the center of the fairway in 10-yard increments with each yard marked out in between. In this way, the golfers will know exactly how far they are from the center of the green at all times.

Now we will borrow from the NBA a 24-second shot clock. The golfers will have 24 seconds to complete all the necessary putts in order to get the ball into the cup. If the golfer does not complete this task within 24 seconds, the shot clock (soon to be called the "putt clock") will go off, and he or she will be penalized one stroke.

Willet is now seeking golf courses to volunteer to initiate these innovative methods of shortening the time it takes to play a round of golf. All interested parties should call Willet Wilt's agent, Ken Kubik, ASAP.

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