



## PACE OF PLAY POLICY



**Rule 6-1 acknowledges that knowing the Rules is the responsibility of the Player. Rule 6-7 states, in part:**

*“The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with the pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the committee, and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play”.*

In order to prevent such a penalty, we suggest that you review carefully the following guidelines.

**Each player in each group should maintain proper pace as a GROUP – work together.**

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME** - Each group will be required to play at no more than the maximum allowable time for each course. The Maximum Allowable time is determined prior to each event and posted on the first tee (see Scorecard).

- **Definition of “Out of Position”** - The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind their “Maximum Allowable Time (The times that the flag must be planted on each hole are listed on each player’s scorecard) or the following if behind public play.

**PROCEDURE for DETERMINING a GROUP “Out of Position.”** If it has taken a group (a) more than the maximum allowable time to lay a hole, they will be considered Out of Position; if (b) one of the following is also true:

- ✓ The preceding group has cleared the green of a **par-3** and also vacated the next tee ground.
- ✓ The preceding group has cleared the green of a **par-4** and also arrived on the next tee ground.
- ✓ The preceding group (2 players) have arrived on the putting green of a **par-5**.

**Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be deemed “Out of Position”.**

**NOTIFICATION** - Groups may be notified when they are out of position and given an opportunity to regain their position. If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes a group in question to lose its position, that group is still expected to regain its position in a reasonable time (within three holes). If a group fails to regain their position, they will be notified (and subject to being timed – see Timing).

A penalty will be rescinded if either (a) Maximum Allowable Time or (b) Out of Position is corrected by the third hole after the penalty was assessed.

**PENALTY** - A group out of position and out of time will be accessed a penalty stroke (each player). If they do not regain

time and/or position, the penalty will be applied and a new penalty situation will begin again. If the group is out of position and out of time a second time, another one-stroke penalty will be accessed. A third penalty situation will result in **Disqualification.**

**APPEAL** - A player or group may appeal a Pace of Play penalty by addressing a Rules Official while remaining in the scoring area immediately after signing and returning their scorecard. Players that vacate that area cannot appeal for the penalty to be rescinded.

**TIMING** - A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if they are deemed “Out of Position”. When a group is out of position each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 45-seconds to determine if the group is at fault as a whole or if an individual(s) are at fault.

**Other than on the putting green**, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play; and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

**On the putting green**, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks; and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. It is strongly advisable for players to line up their putt (without distraction to others) while other players putt.

**Note** - The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time: to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his group get back in position.

An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

**Stroke Play – Pace of Play Penalties** - The following are the sequential penalties for any player in a group out of position who takes more than 45-seconds to play a stroke when it is his turn to play and it is clear and safe to do so:

- 1) One bad time = warning.
- 2) A second bad time = one penalty stroke.
- 3) A third bad time = two penalty strokes.
- 4) A fourth bad time = **disqualification.**

**Note** - If a group in question regains its position, any previous timings of more than 45-seconds will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.

**THANK YOU in Advance for Your COOPERATION**