



2018 ALBERTA GOLF PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The Rules of Golf require that a player must play without undue delay (Rule 6-7). Rule 6-7 states, in part: “For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time to complete a stipulated round, a hole, or a stroke.” In accordance with Rule 6-7, Alberta Golf has adopted the following pace of play guidelines. To prevent being penalized, you should review the following guidelines carefully.

ALLOTTED TIME

All players are required to play at no more than the Allotted Time (time par) set out for each event. The time par is printed on each player’s scorecard.

DEFINITION OF “OUT OF POSITION”

A group is “Out of Position” if at any time during the round it has taken more than the allotted time or it has completed play of a hole more than 13 minutes and 59 seconds after the preceding group completes play of that hole.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION

If a group is out of position, the players in that group are subject to being timed individually. A group that is out of position will be informed by a Rules Official before individual timing commences.

TIMING

Each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player’s stroke begins.

THE TIMING OF A PLAYER’S STROKE WILL BEGIN WHEN:

- The player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball.
- It is the player’s turn to play and it is safe for the player to do so, without interference or distraction.
- Time spent determining yardage etc., will count as time taken for playing the stroke. Undue delay can also occur between strokes (such as walking too slowly) and between the play of two holes.

ON THE PUTTING GREEN, TIMING WILL BEGIN AFTER:

- A player has been allowed a reasonable time to repair their ball mark, lift, clean, and replace the ball.
- A player has been allowed a reasonable time to remove loose impediments and repair other ball marks on the line of putt.
- Time spent looking at the line of putt will count as time taken for playing the stroke.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

The following are the penalties for any player in a group being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke:

- First bad timing: Stroke Play – warning / Match Play – warning
- Second bad timing: Stroke Play - 1 stroke penalty / Match Play – 1 stroke penalty
- Third bad timing: Stroke Play – 2 stroke penalty / Match Play – Loss of hole
- Fourth bad timing: Stroke Play – Disqualification / Match Play – Forfeiture of match

APPEAL PROCESS

Players will have an opportunity to appeal penalties incurred during the stipulated round. Players must invoke their right to appeal before signing their scorecard in the scoring area. The Tournament Rules Chair will review the penalties with the player and Rules Official(s) involved, and if necessary the fellow competitors in the group. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Committee.