



2018 Individual 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, Golf Canada has adopted the following pace of play guidelines.

“OUT OF POSITION” DEFINED

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable course’s Pace of Play Time Chart (Time Par). Time Par will be established at each course for groups of two players, three players or four players.

Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they:

- (a) exceed the allotted time to play **and**
- (b) arrive at the teeing ground of a hole that is open and free of play.

TIMING OF GROUPS

A group that is out of position will normally be so informed by the Committee. **However, the Committee reserves the right to time any player or group of players that the Committee deems is out of position or may be in breach of Rule 6-7, whether or not the player or group has been informed.**

Timing

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Any time spent determining yardages will count as 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 mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt.

Any player in a group which is out of position shall be penalized for undue delay if, during the round, he twice takes 40 seconds or more to play a stroke.

The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. An extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:

- (a) the first player to play a stroke on a hole;
- (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; or
- (d) the first player to play on or around the putting green.

If a group, which is out of position, regains its position, timing of players will cease. Timing may recommence if the group subsequently falls out of position, in which case any recorded timing exceeding 40 seconds anytime during the round will be carried over throughout the round. **Such groups out of position will normally be notified of monitoring and timing. The Committee reserves the right to time an individual player or group of players, whether or not the player or group has been informed.**

Undue delay can also occur between strokes (such as walking too slowly) and between the play of two holes.

PENALTIES

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the maximum allowable time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

1st bad timing exceeding the allotted time – Warning

2nd bad timing – 1 stroke penalty

3rd bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty

4th bad timing – Disqualification

If a group, which is out of position, regains its position, timing of players will cease.

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. **A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.**

Note: In circumstances where the Committee deems fit, the general penalty under Rule 6-7 may still apply.

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