

## **Pace of Play Policy**

The "Rules of Golf" place the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, **with you, the player.** If you are the first group in the field, play efficient golf. If you are in a following group, keep up with the group ahead of you (see Definition of "Out of Position") and you will not have a pace of play issue.

Rule 6-7 states in part: "*The player **must** play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish*", and thereafter prescribes the penalties for slow play.

### **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 the prescribed time schedule for the event and **will be advised they are being timed.**

Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) if it is not ready to play its first approach shot when the flagstick ahead of them is placed in the hole.

**Note: Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be "out of position". It is the responsibility of the players in following groups to note whether their group is "out of position". Players in following groups will not be informed the group is being timed.**

### **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. Time spent determining yardage and selecting clubs 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.

**Note: When a group is "in position", a player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds will be allowed the first player to play from the teeing ground of par 3 holes and in any sequence of shots thereafter except the first tee shot on par 4 and par 5 holes. When a group is "out of position" each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds.**

### **Penalties During the Round**

Any player in a group "out of position" who exceeds the time allotted for a stroke, has incurred a "***bad time***" subject to the following penalties:

First "bad time" — **Warning**

Second "bad time" — **One stroke penalty.**

Third "bad time" — **additional Two stroke penalty.**

Fourth "bad time" — **Disqualification.**

**Note: When a group in question regains its proper position, any previous "bad time(s)" will be carried over for the remainder of the round in the event that group requires additional timing. Such a group will be notified when they are again "on the clock".**

The Committee reserves the right to time a group, at any time, when deemed necessary. The Committee also 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 is a player who unduly delays play between shots.

### **Rulings or Other Incidents**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to make a ***collective effort*** to regain its position as soon as possible.

A player, who consistently disregards the guidelines outlined in the Etiquette Section of the Rules of Golf, will be considered to have committed a serious breach of Etiquette and immediately be subject to disqualification under Rule 33-7.