

INDIVIDUAL PACE OF PLAY POLICY

All Championship Participants must recognize that poor pace of play of one player/group unjustly affects everyone in the field, and all those that are facilitating these events. Everyone should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke, and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee).

To ensure well-timed Championships for all, in accordance with the Rules of Golf, Rule 5.6b(3), Golf Manitoba has adopted the following Pace of Play Policy.

Allotted Time

Each group is allotted a specific amount of time to complete a hole, group of holes, and the round at a pace in accordance with the applicable course's Pace of Play Time Chart. A Pace of Play Time Chart is located on the back of the Notice to Players and each competitor's scorecard. When a group falls "**out of position**," regardless of the reason, the group must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings, and walking time between holes is included in the allotted time.

Out of Position

- **Position of First Group:** The first group (off the 1st and 10th holes, both morning and afternoon) to start or the first group after a Starter's Time 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.

Note: In the event of a split-tee draw (starting on both holes #1 and #10), the first group to start off each tee (#1 and #10) or the first group following a Starter's Time becomes a "following group" when they are delayed at any time by the last group to start from the opposite tee or the last group before a Starter's Time.

- **Position of Following Groups:** A following group is out of position if it:
 - exceeds the Time Par **AND**
 - arrives at a par 3 and the preceding group has begun hitting second shots on the next hole, **or**
 - all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 4 before the preceding group has holed out, **or**
 - all players have not hit second shots on a par 5 before the preceding group has holed out.

Note: A reachable par 4/5 may be treated as a par 3/4.

Timing of Groups

A group that is out of position and going to be timed will normally be so informed by Referee/POP Rover/Staff. **However, Golf Manitoba reserves the right to time any player or group of players that they deem is out of position or may be in breach of this policy, whether, or, not the player or group has been informed.**

Timing

- The timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play, and they 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 their ball, repair damage and remove loose impediments.
- Any player in a group which is out of position shall be penalized under this policy if, during the round, they take 40 seconds or more to make a stroke.
An extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:
 - the first player to make a first stroke on a hole; or
 - the first player to make a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole; or
 - the first player to make a third stroke on a par-5 hole; or
 - the first player to make a stroke 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.
- Unreasonable delay can also occur between strokes (such as walking too slowly) and between the play of two holes.
- A player being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to make a stroke, will be informed as soon as possible.

Penalties Summary

Any player in a group out of position who exceeds 40 seconds to make a stroke (or 50 seconds in the specific situations as described) will be informed as soon as practicable that they are subject to the penalty structure as follows:

- 1st excessive time: **Warning**
- 2nd excessive time: **Liabile to a penalty of one stroke**
- 3rd excessive time: **Liabile to the general penalty (2 penalty strokes)**
- 4th excessive time: **Liabile to disqualification**

Note: In circumstances where the Committee deems fit, the penalties under Rule 5.6a may still apply.

5.6a. Unreasonable Delay of Play. You must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes.

- Penalty for first breach: **One penalty stroke**
- Penalty for second breach: **General Penalty (2 penalty strokes)**
- Penalty for third breach: **Disqualification**

If you unreasonably delay play between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Appeals

Any appeal of a player's penalty must be referred before returning their scorecard. The Committee's decision shall be final. If the player does not make an appeal prior to returning their scorecard, any penalties shall stand.

A review will be successful only if there is evidence the player/group was:

1. Delayed by the Committee or waiting on a member of the Committee; or
2. Delayed because of a circumstance beyond control of the player and/or group; or
3. Delayed because of another player in the group (a slow golfer).