



# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

#### I. Time Allowed:

Each Hole has been given a maximum completion time based on its length and difficulty, time for each hole is available on the scorecard. The maximum time allotted for the competition of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

### **Definition of "Out of Position":**

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered "Out of Position" if at any time during round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "Out of Position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

**Note:** In making a decision on whether to time a group that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

## 2. Procedure When Group is Out of Position

- a) If a group is merely out of position it will be given an official warning to speed up play. During this time, a group will be monitored by an assigned rules official who will aid the group in getting back into position.
- b) If the group does not get back into position or it has fallen behind significantly and a decision is taken to time the group, all of the players in the group will be subject to individual timing by the rules official. Each of the players in the group will be advised that they are "Out of Position" and will timed.
- c) The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
  - a first stroke on a Par 3 hole
  - a second stroke on a Par 4 or a Par 5 hole;
  - a third stroke on a Par 5 hole;
  - · a stroke from around the putting green; and
  - a stroke from on the putting green

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/ her ball, it is his/ her turn to play and he/ she is able to play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his/her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/ or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as a part of the time taken for the next stroke.

d) Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

**Note:** In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group may be timed instead of the entire group. The decision whether to time the whole group or only particular players will be made in regard to the specific situation and each player's pace of play.

### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF TERM:

"Bad times" are carried through an entire round of stroke play. For example, a player who gets a "bad time" in Round I (a warning) will get one penalty stroke if he/ she gets a second "bad time" later in Round I. In match play, bad times only apply to a specific match. Whether it is 18 holes or 36 holes.

1. Bad time Player will be warned by a rules official and told that if he/ she has a further bad time he/ she will be penalised

Stroke play

2. Bad time

One stroke penalty

One stroke penalty

Two stroke penalty

Loss of hole

Bad times

Disqualification

Disqualification

# 3. Excessive Shot Time

At any time, if any player is observed by a rules official taking more than 120 seconds to play a shot, he or she will be notified of the extensive shot time, given an official warning and advised that the Committee may decide to start timing that player at any time, even if the group is in position.