



INDIVIDUAL PACE OF PLAY

Rules of Golf require that a player must not unreasonably delay play when playing a hole or between two holes (Rule 5.6a). Rule 5.6b(3) states in part: “to encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee should adopt a Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy. this policy may set a maximum time to complete a round, a hole or series of holes and a stroke, and it may set penalties for not following the Policy”. In accordance with Rule 5.6b(3), Golf Québec has adopted the following individual Pace of Play Policy.

“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.

Note: in the event of a split-tee draw (starting on both holes 1 and 10), the first group to start off each tee becomes the “following group” when they are delayed at any time by the last group to start from the opposite tee.

Following groups: A following group is out of position if it:

- Exceed the Time Par and for:
- Par 3 - arrives at a par 3 and the preceding group has left the teeing area on the next hole, or
- Par 4 - all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 4 before the preceding group has holed out,
- Par 5 - 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 informed by a Referee. **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 this policy, whether the player or group has been informed.**

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 damage and remove loose impediments.

Any player in a group which is out of position may be penalized under this policy if, during the round, he takes 40 seconds or more to play a stroke.

An extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:

- the first player to play a stroke on a hole.
- the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- 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. The Committee reserves the right to time an individual player or group of players, whether or not the player or group has been informed.***

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 allowable time to make a stroke, will be informed as soon as possible.

PENALTIES

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

- 1st excessive time - verbal warning
- 2nd excessive time - one penalty stroke
- 3rd excessive time - general penalty applied in addition to the penalty for the 1st excessive time
- 4th excessive time - disqualification

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

The tournament Rules Committee may waive or reduce any penalties only on the following grounds:

- The player was delayed by the Committee; or
- The player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group.