

INDIVIDUAL PACE OF PLAY



The Rules of Golf require that a player must play without undue delay (Rule 5.6a). Rule 5.6a states, in part: “For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, under the rules of golf (Rule 5.6b), establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke.” In accordance with Rule 5.6b, Golf Québec 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

A group that is out of position will normally be 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 5.6a, whether or not 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 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 twice, during the round, he takes 40 seconds or more to play a stroke.

An extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:

- (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole (on an approach stroke);
- (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; and
- (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

Any player in a group out of position who exceeds 40 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized one stroke. If the player exceeds 40 seconds to play a stroke on two more occasions while the group remains or has again become out of position (a total of four), he will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized an additional two strokes. If the player exceeds 40 seconds to play a stroke on two more occasions while the group remains or has again become out of position (a total of six), he will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been disqualified.

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