

# Pace of Play Policy

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall, at all times, play without undue delay. The administering of pace of play will be handled by the Denver Golf Tournament Committee and Rules Officials (heretofore referred to as DGTC).

The Tournament Committee will designate 6 checkpoints – following holes 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18 on the course as timing checkpoints. A volunteer will be stationed at each timing checkpoint. **A GROUP MAY BE DEEMED OUT OF POSITION AT ANY TIME.** Penalties will be assessed with groups by a DGTC member and verified at the scoring table.

- The first group is in breach of the policy if the flagstick is replaced/hole is completed at a checkpoint hole after the maximum allowable time based on the pace of play chart created by the DGTC.
  - A subsequent group is in breach if the flagstick is replaced/hole is completed at a checkpoint hole after the maximum allowable time AND more than **14 minutes** after the preceding group replaced the flagstick.
  - When a group is in breach of the policy, each player in the group is liable to penalty. However, the application of any penalty occurs only in the scoring area, and is applied to the hole where the breach occurred.
  - A group that is liable to penalty may appeal the penalty in the scoring area.
  - After a group reaches a checkpoint out of position and incurs a warning, a player who makes no effort to reach the next checkpoint in the expected time or to catch up with the group ahead and misses the subsequent checkpoint, will incur the applicable penalty which will be imposed in the scoring area following the round.
  - A group in position at the previous checkpoint that has a long ruling or extensive search for a ball on the next checkpoint hole will be exempted from penalty if the group is unable to complete that checkpoint hole in the expected time. The following are some of the key elements of the “out of position/group monitoring” policy:
    - ✓ Generally, a group must be over its time based on the pace of play chart and “out of position” relative to the group in front of it before monitoring and timing of a group is warranted. The following are general guidelines that can be used for defining “out of position”:
      - ✓ **If a group is to be monitored, a player must play a stroke within 40 seconds from the time he or she can make a stroke without interference or distraction.**
        - **If a group is considered out of position– Warning and put on the clock**
        - **The 1<sup>st</sup> bad timing – 1 stroke penalty (Rule 5.6)**
        - **A 2<sup>nd</sup> bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty**
        - **A 3<sup>rd</sup> bad timing – Disqualification**
- ❖ *Rules officials may deem a group out of position at any time. At this time, they must inform the group:*
  - ✓ They are out of position, this is their warning and each player is now on the clock with 40 seconds to make a stroke.
  - ✓ The group will remain on the clock until they regain their position on the course, and a rules official will remain with them in case of any rulings to get them back in position.
  - ✓ Notify the players that: 1 bad time is a 1-stroke penalty, 2 bad times is an ADDITIONAL 2-stroke penalty and 3 bad times results in disqualification.
  - ✓ After the group regains their position their previous bad times will not be counted against them if they are put back on the clock.

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