

WJGA Pace of Play – Policy and Process

The time par for the each Course is determined by course specifics including design and consultation with the lead officials, course officials and Tournament Directors in charge of the respective event.

STROKE PLAY

Rule 5.6a; 5.6b(1,2,3). Unreasonable Delay of Play states: “A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes.

Each player should recognize that his or her pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in the player’s own group and those in following groups. Players should always play at a prompt pace throughout the round. A player should prepare in advance for the next stroke and be ready to play when it is his or her turn. Playing ready golf is always a good idea.

Out of Position will be defined as the following: The group failed to complete play of a hole by the finish time printed on their scorecard (aggregate time) AND they are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them measured from “flag in” to “flag in” time or more than 1-hole behind the group in front of them

When a group is determined to be **Out of Position**, the players in the group are subject to notification, timing and/or penalty under these guidelines:

- 1st Notice – Official notification directly to the players. They will be encouraged to make every effort to regain their position over the next two holes with an effort to notify Rules Officials that a group needs their encouragement to regain their position.
- 2nd Notice – Players notified they have failed to make progress or have failed in regaining their groups’ position and timing by Rules Official may be implemented. Every effort will be made to work with officials as a team effort to get the group back in position.
- Procedure when group has been notified they are being timed:
 - Excessive time for any stroke observed by Rules Official, which is defined by taking over 40 seconds to make a stroke:
 - 1st Offense: Warning that player has had a bad time
 - 2nd Offense: Player liable for one-stroke penalty
 - 3+ Offenses: Player liable for two-stroke penalty each bad time

Notes: There may be a variety of reasons a group falls out of position. Regardless of the reason groups are expected to make every effort to regain their position. Causes will be recorded (ball searches, rulings, medical issues, etc).

In the rare instance when an individual becomes liable for a penalty he has the option to appeal the penalty at the scoring table. Final determination will be made by the WJGA Rules of Golf Committee.