

Pace of Play Policy

Rule 6-7 states, in part: "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee." The following pace of play guidelines and slow play penalties and fines, except during match play competitions, has been adopted.

1. Definition of "Out of Position"

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group exceeds the time allotted per hole, as detailed on the applicable course's Local Rules Addendum. The second and third groups, and additional groups as determined by the Rules Committee will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play or (b) fall more than 15 minutes behind the group in front.

2. Monitoring Groups

It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of his groups' position on the golf course. Any group that is over "time-par" or out of position will be advised of the situation and the group may immediately be put back "on-the-clock". A group will be subject to being timed until back in position with the group ahead or back on TIME PAR.

3. Timing

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 the line of his putt. A player will have 40 seconds to play a stroke when being timed. NOTE: An extra 20 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 (when attempting to reach the putting green). C. The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole. D. The first player to play on or around the putting green.

4. Fines and Penalties - Penalty Phase

Any player in a group out of position will be subject to being timed. Any player who exceeds the allotted time to play a stroke will be notified of such. Any player that has received notification of a bad time is considered to be in the Penalty Phase of the Pace of Play Policy. Players in the Penalty Phase of the Pace of Play Policy exceeding the allotted time to play a stroke will be penalized in the following manner.

5. Summary of Fines and Penalties during a Season

First Offence	Official Warning
Second Offence	Player put "on-the-clock"
Third Offence	First tournament / Occurrence warning that a penalty shot would occur at future events. Second / subsequent tournament – ONE (1) shot penalty.

6. Appeals

The player in question immediately upon completion of his/her round must refer any appeal of a penalty and/or fine to the Tour Director. The Tour Director's decision shall be final.

7. Expected Pace of Play

Par 3's 12 Minutes
Par 4's 14 Minutes
Par 5's 16 Minutes

Buckeye Tour remains the right to change these "times per hole" as needed. Each event and course will be allocated a total time and a time per hole. These times will be determined by a number of factors including; weather, course length, riding policy, among other factors. Players will be notified of the event times on each events local rules sheet.