

2025 SCGA Amateur Championship

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6 states, a player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. The following policy is in effect under Rule 5.6.

ALLOTTED TIME

A group of three will be required to play at a 4 hour and 31 minute pace for the 18 hole round at Carolina CC. Finish times for each hole are published on each competitors scorecard.

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 is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) takes more than the allotted time to play and (b) finishes a hole more than 14 minutes after the group in front of them. (14:59.00) Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION

A group that is out of position and behind the established pace of play will be warned by an official. This is the signal to the players that the official may commence timing of the individual players at any time. When the group continues to be out of position and behind the allotted time, the individual players in the group may be timed. Groups will be notified when they are being timed. Timing will commence after all players in the group have teed off on the hole and have been notified.

MONITORING / TIMING

When a group is monitored and timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within forty seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Other than putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the 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 lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and other ball marks on their line of putt and remove loose impediments on their line of putt.

Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. When a group is out of position, a player will be allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to complete their stroke. NOTE:

An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for the (a) first to play from the teeing area on a Par 3 hole; (b) the first to play a second stroke on a Par 4 or Par 5 hole; (c) the first to play a third stroke on a Par 5 hole; or (d) the first to play on or around the putting green.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, they will then be warned that if they exceed the time limit on one more occasion (total of 2), they will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke under Rule 5.6. If a player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), they will incur an additional two stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

When a group in question regains its proper position, timing will be discontinued. However, any previous timings that have exceeded the limit will be carried over for the remainder of the stipulated round in the event the group requires additional monitoring.

RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time. Final decisions regarding pace of play are at the discretion of the Rules Committee.