

Section 8.08 Pace of Play

The Philadelphia Section PGA stresses the importance of promoting awareness among its members, and amateur golfers, of the need to maintain an acceptable pace of play in its competitive events. The following procedures will apply to all Philadelphia Section PGA events:

- (a) The USGA Rules of Golf require that a player shall at all times play without undue delay. The Rules Committee will handle the administration of pace of play.
- (b) The Tournament Staff will gather and record all times for completion of competitive rounds (the starting time and time of completion of round). If any player's name is recorded in an analysis ledger more than three (3) times it may necessitate the player appearing before the Tournament Committee.
- (c) A group out of position will be notified that it is out of position and will be subject to individual timing. Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee on a par 3 and the preceding group has cleared the next tee, or fails to clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green, or arrives at the tee of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position. The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play.
- (d) Note- the average time per hole allotments will be as follows:
 - (i) 14 minutes per hole for groups of four (4 hrs. 12 mins.)
 - (ii) 13 ^{1/2} minutes per hole for groups of three (4 hrs. 3 mins.)
 - (iii) 12 ^{1/2} minutes per hole for groups of two (3 hrs. 45 mins.)
- (e) Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when the player and caddy (if applicable) have had a reasonable opportunity to reach the ball for the next shot and it is the players' turn to play and the player can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for that stroke.
- (f) On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace the ball. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time being taken for that stroke.
- (g) A player will be allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to complete a stroke.

NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for a) the first to play from the teeing ground 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
- (h) If a player exceeds the time limit:
 - (i) First Offense Warning
 - (ii) Second Offense One (1) Stroke Penalty and a \$100 Fine
 - (iii) Third Offense One (1) Stroke Penalty and a \$100 Fine
 - (iv) Fourth Offense Disqualification

Note: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Times previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

- (i) Any player who is penalized shall be immediately informed after playing from the teeing ground of the next hole or, in the event of a penalty during play of the last hole of the round, at the

scoring table. All fines are due and payable within ten (10) days of notification. Players with delinquent fines will be ineligible for tournament participation until the fines have been paid.