

Article VIII. RULES & PROCEDURES

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. A group out of position and behind time will be notified that its on the clock and are subject to group or individual timing. A group will put on the clock 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 arrive at 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 put on the clock. The first group to start will be put on the clock if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play.
- B. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when the player and caddie (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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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
- E. Once a group is found to be out of position and over its time the following procedure will take place:
 - a. An official will inform the entire group that they are out of position and over their time and will be put on the clock and are subject to group or individual timing.
 - b. The official will announce to staff that the group has been put on the clock.
 - c. The following is a schedule to follow for individual timing offences:
 - i. If a player exceeds the time limit:
 1. First Offense: Warning
 2. Second Offense : One (1) Stroke Penalty and a \$100 fine
 3. Third Offense: One (1) Stroke Penalty and a \$100 fine
 4. Fourth Offense: Disqualification
 - ii. Note: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position or time par. Times previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit during their round, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

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- d. Any player who has a bad time should be notified immediately.
- e. Any player who is penalized should be notified immediately. 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.

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