

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

TO PLAYERS IN THE 2008 NGA HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC:

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Rule 6-7 states, in part: “The players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by The Committee,” and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty we suggest that you review carefully the following guidelines.

Allotted Time

When play is in groups of three, groups will be required to play at no more than a 4-hour and 21 minute pace for the 18-hole round (see attached Pace of Play Time Chart).

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 attached Pace of Play Time Chart.

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 of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear or reaches 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.

Group Out of Position

If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be monitored and timed. Anytime a group is to be monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a rules official. The notification by the rules official will be made immediately after all players complete their tee shots on the hole where monitoring will begin.

Timing

When a group is being monitored or timed each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player’s stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage 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 lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on his 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.

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NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 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.
- (c) the first player to play a third shot on a par-5 hole.
- (d) the first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- (e) the first player to play a stroke on the putting green.

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

Pace of Play Penalties

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins.

- One bad timing of more than 40 seconds – warning
- A second bad timing – 1 stroke penalty
- A third bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty or loss of hole.
- A fourth bad timing – Disqualification.

NOTE: If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timings of more than the allotted time will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that 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.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure