



SOUTH DAKOTA GOLF ASSOCIATION PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The following conditions and policies shall govern regulation of the pace of play as set forth by the SDGA. The penalty for Breach of this Rule, in accordance with Note 2 of Rule 6-7 is as follows:

First Offense – One Stroke
Second Offense – Two Strokes
For a Subsequent Offense – Disqualification

EXPECTED TIME TO COMPLETE PLAY: Under normal golf conditions, all groups are expected to complete play of 9 holes in 2 hours, 15 minutes and are expected to complete play of 18 holes in 4 hours, 30 minutes.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY: Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay. Rule 6-7.

Each player is responsible for his/her group's maintaining proper position on the course in relation to the rest of the field and this is the standard expected by the SDGA. Each group should be approximately a starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the whole round. The position of the following group has no bearing in determining whether or not a player's pace of play is satisfactory.

It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of his/her position on the golf course.

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION: A group is determined to be out of position if it has a clear par 3 or par 4 in front of them, there is an open fairway on a par 5 while the group in question is in the teeing area and finishes a hole more than 14 minutes after the group immediately in front of it. A hole will be considered clear when the group immediately ahead has walked off the green and the flagstick has been placed in the hole.

SDGA officials will use discretion concerning the pace of play of the lead groups. The first players will be expected to play at a pace to ensure the play of 18 holes is completed no longer than 4 hours, 30 minutes. However, the groups immediately following may not be expected to maintain position behind an exceptionally fast group.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION: A group that is out of position will automatically be under official warning. A verbal warning is not required for a group to be under official warning.

If a group is out of position, it is subject to timing under the SDGA Pace of Play Policy. Any player taking an excess of 40 seconds to play a given shot on two occasions – except in extraordinary circumstances – shall incur a one-stroke penalty for delay of play. Only designated rules officials will be able to time players and assess penalties under this rule.

TIMING: Timing starts when it is clearly the player's turn to play, he/she has had a reasonable amount of time to reach his/her golf ball, and nothing interferes with his/her ability to play the stroke.

Timing includes the following:

- Checking yardage/notes
- Checking lie/line
- Club selection
- Changing clubs
- Practice Swings
- Set-up Routine

On the putting green, the timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair his/her ball mark and other ball marks on his/her line of putt, and remove loose impediments and/or moveable obstructions on his/her line of putt.

The Final Groups (Tournament Leaders) are expected to abide by the same pace of play procedures as the rest of the field.

CONCLUSION: Decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for others and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.