

2018 NWAGA CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS

Pace of Play Policy Four-Ball Tournament

Rule 6-7 provides that “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish,” and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play.

Maximum Allowable Time

Maximum allowable time is the **MAXIMUM** time deemed necessary by the Committee for a match to complete its stipulated round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the chart attached to this document. A group’s **maximum allowable time** begins at its assigned starting time, or if the starting time is delayed, at the adjusted starting time. Time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes, is included in all **maximum allowable times**.

Definition of “Out of Position”

A match is **out of position** when it: Completes play of a hole (replaces the flagstick) later than the **maximum allowable time** given (see attached chart) **and**: Reaches a par-3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding match have played their strokes from the teeing ground of the next hole; Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is not clear of all play but which becomes clear of all play **before** all players in the match have played their strokes from the teeing ground or Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is clear of all play.

Note: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the match in question to be out of position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Timing

When the Committee determines that a match (or individual) will be timed, all players (or a specified individual) in the match will be notified by a Rules Rover.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions (such as wind) will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin after she has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace her ball, repair ball marks and remove loose impediments on her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole or to the side of and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is permitted a maximum of **40 seconds** to play a stroke.

Any player in a match being timed who exceeds the **maximum allowable time** to play a stroke will be informed as soon as practicable by the Rules Rover.

A Rules Rover will not advise a match that it has regained its proper position on the course and is no longer being timed. As previously noted, a player may inquire at any time regarding the group’s pace of play status.

Note: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a match when deemed necessary. Further, if the Committee determines a player to be unreasonably slow, she may be timed individually at the Committee’s discretion regardless of whether her match is out of position. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a match which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots or holes.

Pace of Play Penalties

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the **maximum allowable time** to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins:

1st bad timing exceeding the allotted time – **Warning**

2nd bad timing – **Loss of hole**

3rd bad timing – **Loss of hole**

4th bad timing – **Disqualification**

Note: If a match being timed regains its proper position, any previous “bad times” will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that match requires additional monitoring. Any player who has a bad time(s) will be reminded of the bad time(s) if she or her match requires additional timing during the round.

PACE OF PLAY CHART
2018 FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT
OAKLAND GOLF CLUB
FOUR (4) PLAYERS

TIME SCHEDULE IN HOURS AND MINUTES

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Par	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4
Time Allotted	0:15	0:14	0:15	0:15	0:19	0:14	0:16	0:19	0:16
Total Time	0:15	0:29	0:44	0:59	1:18	1:32	1:48	2:07	2:23

Hole #	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	5	4
Time Allotted	0:14	0:16	0:15	0:14	0:19	0:16	0:15	0:19	0:15
Total Time	2:37	2:53	3:08	3:22	3:41	3:57	4:12	4:31	4:46