

SOUTHERN DISTRICT PACE OF PLAY POLICY

To make SDWGA events enjoyable for all players, pace of play will be monitored as outlined below. Should a group be out of position, it will be brought to the group's/player's attention. The group/player will then be monitored and timed if necessary. If warranted, one or more players may be penalized for undue delay in accordance with Rule 5 and modified by Local Rule K-5.

PENALTY:

<u>STROKE PLAY</u>		<u>MATCH PLAY</u>
1 st offense -- verbal warning		1 st offense -- verbal warning
2 nd offense -- 1 stroke		2 nd offense -- 1 stroke
3 rd offense -- general penalty		3 rd offense -- general penalty
4 th offense -- DQ		4 th offense -- DQ

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION:

- The group is behind allotted time to play (when time is noted on scorecards). Note: trouble that a group may have had will be taken into consideration. If a ruling or some other legitimate delay has occurred which caused the group to lose its position, *that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.*
- When the group approaches a tee and there is an open par 3 or par 4, or the preceding group is on the green of a par 5.

MONITORING:

- If a group is out of position, each player in the group will be monitored.
- If a player believes her group is out of position or that a particular player may cause the group to become out of position, she may request monitoring.

MONITORING PROCEDURE:

Only the Rules Official in Charge (ROIC) or her designated representative will be responsible for timing and/or warning players. If a group has been either warned or asked to regain its position, that fact must be communicated to all others working the tournament so as to not annoy that group by having more than one official speak to them while they are attempting to catch up.

1. Start timing using Pace of Play guidelines of 40 seconds per stroke.
2. Timing shall begin when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach the ball, there is no interference from another person or ball, and it is the player's turn to play
3. The player will be allowed a **few seconds** to select a club. However, any time spent walking backward or forward for measuring or other purposes will count as part of the time taken.
4. On the putting green, a player will be allowed a **reasonable** time (90 seconds) to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair her ball mark, remove loose impediments and repair other ball marks on the player's line of putt.
5. When a group has regained its position, timing will be discontinued. However, if a group has been warned, timed or regains its position and then falls behind again, any previous bad times and warnings shall be cumulative.
6. Players should be encouraged to hit provisional balls if a possibility exists that the original ball may be out of bounds or lost outside a hazard. Let groups play through when two or more in a group are in trouble; i.e., lost balls, doubt as to procedure, or rulings.