



EWGA CHAMPIONSHIP – PACE of PLAY POLICY

The Association Headquarters and the EWGA Championship Committee is dedicated to the improvement of Pace of Play in 2009. A player's knowledge and practice of efficient golf guidelines such as course management and pace of play tips creates enjoyable and rhythmic rounds of golf with few delays, so each competitor shall commit to an efficient pace goal of 4.5 hours in each round of the Championship. The following policy will be enforced by the Directors at the Chapter, Semi-Final and Final levels of the EWGA Championship.

Pace of Play Policy

Rule 6-7 states, in part: "The player 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

Groups in both the stroke play and scramble divisions will be required to play at no more than a 4-hour and 35-minute pace for the 18-hole round. (See Pace of Play chart on Notice to Players.)

Definition of "Out of Position"

The first group(s) 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 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 teeing ground of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the teeing ground of a par-4 hole **and** the putting green is clear; **or** reaches the teeing ground 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 or Match Out of Position

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

Timing

When a group is monitored and 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 she has had reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the 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 her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and

remove loose impediments on her 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.

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 stroke 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 her 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 exceeding the allotted time - warning
- A second bad timing - 1 stroke penalty
- A third bad timing - Additional 2 stroke penalty
- A fourth bad timing - Disqualification

NOTE: If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timing 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.

The EWGA Championship Committee sincerely requests and appreciates your cooperation. By eliminating slow play, the Championship will be a more pleasant experience for everyone. An efficient pace of play will also foster goodwill from other golfers, the golf facility as well as the golf community and will support the mission of the EWGA: "Connecting women to learn, play and enjoy golf for business and for fun."