



# St. Louis Women's District Golf Association

## PACE OF PLAY POLICY

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**Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play:** "A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. Rule 5.6a. The Committee has set the following Pace of Play Policy adopted as a Local Rule pursuant to Rule 5.6b.

### ALLOTTED TIME

See Time Chart on Notice.

### DEFINITION OF "OUT OF POSITION"

A group is **Out of Position** when it completes play on a hole (replaces the flagstick) later than the time scheduled (see Time Chart).

#### EXCEPTIONS:

When a group completes play of a hole after its maximum allowable time, it will **NOT** be considered out of position **IF** it:

- a. reaches a par-3 hole that is not open and free of play or that is open and free of play and the players in the preceding group have not all made their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole, **or**
- b. reaches a par-4 hole and at least one player in the group makes a stroke from the teeing area before the hole is open and free of play, **or**
- c. reaches a par-5 hole and all players in the group make their strokes from the teeing area before the hole is open and free of play.

**Note:** A player or caddie is permitted at any time to inquire with a Rules Committee Member, Referee or Executive Board Member how their group stands with its pace. In addition, Referees have been asked by the Rules Committee and Executive Board to be proactive to alert a group if it is approaching being Out of Position.

### TIMING

When a Rules Committee Member, an Executive Board Member or Referee determines that a group or individual player will be timed, all players or specified player(s) in the group **will be notified** by a Rules Committee Member, an Executive Board Member or Referee.

**Other than on the putting green**, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is the player's turn to play and the player can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and conditions including but not limited to wind will count as time taken for the next stroke.

**On the putting green**, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair damage allowed under Rule 13.1c(2), remove loose impediments on his line of play and remove sand and loose soil. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole, 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 **30-seconds** to play a stroke from anywhere on the course.

Any player in a group being timed who exceeds the maximum allowable time to play a stroke **will be informed** as soon as practicable by the timing Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member.

A Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member will **NOT** advise a group or individual player that it or she has regained its or her proper position on the course, i.e., the group or individual player will **NOT** be told that it or she is no longer being timed. As previously noted, a player may inquire of the group's or individual's status at any time.

**Note:** A Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when deemed necessary. Further, if a player is determined by a Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member to be unreasonably slow (Rule 5.6a), she may be timed individually at the discretion of a Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member even if her group is not Out of Position. Players should also be aware that a Referee, Executive Board Member or Rules Committee Member 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. Examples of this would include a player who delays play between strokes or holes.

### PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES (Rule 5.6b)

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the maximum allowable time to play a stroke as set forth in the Timing Section of this Pace of Play Policy:

Stroke Play: 1<sup>st</sup> bad timing - **Warning**; 2<sup>nd</sup> bad timing - **1 stroke**; 3<sup>rd</sup> bad timing - **Additional 2 strokes**; 4<sup>th</sup> bad timing - **DISQUALIFICATION**

**Note:** If a group or individual being timed regains its or her proper position, any previous "bad times" will be carried over for the remainder of the round in the event the group or individual requires additional monitoring. Any player who has a "bad time(s)" will **NOT** be reminded of the "bad time(s)" if she or her group requires additional timing during the round.

### 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.