

MATCH PLAY

When play is in groups of two, groups will be required to play at approximately less than **xx hours and xx minutes** for an 18-hole round (see times on scorecard).

Definition “Out of Position” – Match Play

A group is **out of position** when it completes play on a hole (replaces the flagstick) later than the maximum allowable time in the attached 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 ground 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 ground 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 ground before the hole is open and free of play.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An **out of position** match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed they will be notified of such timing by a Rules Official.

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

- 1st breach – warning
- 2nd breach – loss of hole
- 3rd breach – loss of hole
- 4th breach – disqualification

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed each player is permitted a maximum of **40 seconds** to play a stroke.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when 1) he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball; 2) it is his turn to play; and 3) she can play without interference or distraction. Note: Time spent determining yardage and conditions including but not limited to wind 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 1) lift, clean and replace his ball; 2) repair his ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt; and 3) remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Note: 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 Rules Official will not advise a match that it has regained its proper position on the course, i.e., the players will not be told that they are no longer being timed. A player may inquire of the match's status at any time.

Note 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary.

Note 2: Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

Note 3: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.