

2021 U. S. Mid-Amateur Championship - Local Qualifying - Rockville, Maryland – Norbeck Country Club

Pace of Play Policy – One Tee Start - Three (3) Players

(For this qualifier, a group of two will have the same time requirement as a group of three.)

Each Group is allotted 4 hours and 30 minutes for their round of golf.

Pace of Play hole by hole time requirement is printed on your scorecard.

It is a condition of the competition that the competitors be aware of the Pace of Play Policy for this competition as follows:

“Out of Position” Defined

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the relevant schedule which appears below. Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play **and** (b) reaches a par-3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group 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 play but which becomes clear of all play before all players in the group have made a stroke from the teeing ground; or reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is clear of play.

NOTE: At any time, the Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that under Rule 5.3 the Committee may assess a penalty to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help get his group back in position, e.g., such as when a player unduly delays play between shots.

Warnings

Players in a group which is out of position may be timed. When possible, Rules Officials will instruct the players in a group if the group is lagging behind but not yet out of position. Rules Officials will advise a group if it is being timed.

Timing and Penalties

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is the player’s turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke begins when it is the player’s turn to play without interference or distraction and the player has completed the actions allowed under Rule 13.1, providing the player is not unreasonably delaying play. **The player is expected to make a stroke within 40 seconds** (50 seconds for first player in group to play). Time spent determining yardage and other conditions (such as wind) and time spent surveying the line of play from any angle (including studying greens reading material) will also count as time taken for making the stroke.

If a group is being timed, any player who takes more than 40 seconds (50 seconds for first player in group to play) to make a stroke is subject to the following penalties: **First offense: warning; second offense: one stroke; third offense: two strokes; and fourth offense: disqualification.**

Note: If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous bad times will be carried over for the remainder of the round in the event that the group requires additional timing. **Note: If a ruling of other uncontrollable delay causes a group to lose its position, the group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.**

EVACUATION - in the event of a stoppage of play for a dangerous situation, all players/caddies/spectators shall evacuate the golf course immediately and seek shelter in their cars. The Committee and club staff will assist as needed. Please follow their instructions.

SUSPENSION FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION WILL BE SIGNALLED BY ONE PROLONGED AIRHORN NOTE, AND ALL PLAYERS WILL BE VERBALLY INFORMED BY THE COMMITTEE. ALL OTHER TYPES OF SUSPENSION WILL BE SIGNALLED BY THREE CONSECUTIVE AIRHORN NOTES, REPEATED. RESUMPTION OF PLAY WILL SIGNALLED BY TWO SHORT AIRHORN NOTES, REPEATED.