

North American Junior Golf

PACE OF PLAY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

All players (including those in 9-hole Age Divisions) should practice READY GOLF:

- Play your shot if you are ready and others are not, REGARDLESS of who is “away.”
- **Check distance/choose your club/line up putts** as soon as you reach your ball; NOT waiting until it is your turn.
- **Proceed towards the next tee as soon as you have holed out.**
- If you are unable to locate a Rules Official, utilize **Rule 20.1c(3)** in consultation with your playing partners; record both scores and present the scenario at the Scorers Table.

PACE-OF-PLAY REQUIREMENTS**

{**Group tracking and check-in stations ONLY apply to 18-hole Age Divisions}

Your targeted pace is 15 minutes PER HOLE (2 hrs/15 minutes per side); and a 40-second per shot limit.

Your “time par” is noted on your scorecard. Players will be checked by roving on-course rules officials to monitor pace as well as 6-hole check-in station.

Your group’s pace will be tracked at your 6-hole score check-in. Any groups falling MORE than 1-hole behind the group in front will receive a warning to catch up before the next checkpoint.

Groups that fall MORE than 1 hole behind or are severely over “time par” will be tracked on a per-player basis. **Players deemed to be the cause of the delay may be subject to stroke penalties to be assessed at the next scoring checkpoint.**

Should a player receive a stroke penalty due to pace-of-play violations, that player may “recover” the stroke via the group catching up to the stated time-par and eliminating the 1-hole gap of the group in front.

- 1-hole is defined as 2-stages of a hole behind (i.e. – green to green; fairway to fairway; tee box to tee box).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS ARE IN PLACE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING EACH PLAYER’S ON-COURSE EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS IMPROVING OVERALL TIME THAT PLAYERS AND FAMILIES SPEND AT THE COURSE. WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO PENALIZE PLAYERS OR MAKE PLAYERS UNCOMFORTABLE OR NERVOUS DURING THE ROUND; BUT RATHER TO ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO LEARN AND ADHERE TO COMPETITION PRACTICES WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE GAME OF GOLF.

Thank you for your attention to this important policy.