



PGA

Minnesota Section

MINNESOTA SECTION PGA OF AMERICA
PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6 states that the player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.

The following conditions and policies shall govern regulation of the pace of play by Minnesota PGA Rules Officials and Committee members.

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any point in the round, the group is taking more than the allotted time to play each hole as established by the Committee. Any following group will be considered out of position if they: (a) exceed the allotted time to play each hole **and** (b) reach the tee of a par 3 hole that is open and free of play, or fail to clear the tee of a par 4 hole or a par 5 hole before that hole is open and free of play.

NOTIFICATION OF PLAYERS OUT OF POSITION

Any group out of position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to selective individual timing.

TIMING OF PLAYERS OUT OF POSITION

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a competitor's stroke will begin when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference by another player or another ball. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for that stroke.

On the putting green, the timing will begin after the competitor has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean his/her ball, repair his/her ball mark and other ball marks on their line of putt and remove loose impediments on the line of the putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as time taken for that stroke.

A player will be allowed a maximum of **40 seconds** to complete their stroke. NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for (a) the first to play a stroke from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole; (b) the first to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole; (c) the first to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole; (d) the first to play a stroke around the putting green; or (e) the first to play a stroke on the putting green.

FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF A GROUP BEING OUT OF POSITION

<u>Penalty for breach of Rule 5.6</u>	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>	<u>Stableford</u>
First Offense	One (1) Stroke Penalty	Loss of Hole	2 points
Second Offense	Two (2) Stroke Penalty	Loss of Hole	2 points
Third Offense	Disqualification	Disqualification	Disqualification

NOTES:

1. Any timing exceeding the allotted time to play will be carried over for the remainder of the round.
2. The Committee will notify a player incurring a penalty under this rule as soon as practicable.
3. Undue delay may occur between strokes. Accordingly, a competitor may be subject to penalty under Rule 5.6, even if he/she plays each of his/her strokes in less than the time allowed.
4. Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position or at the discretion of the Tournament Official.