

PACE OF PLAY – PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

The R&A's policy is that the Pace of Play Condition will be strictly applied.

Player Responsibility

- Be ready to play when it is your turn to play
- It is the responsibility of each group to play within the published maximum times allowed and keep up with the group in front
- Even if the reason for your group being out of position is as a result of a lost ball, a lengthy search or a ruling, it is still the responsibility of the group:
 - to play to the scheduled time, and
 - to get back into position as soon as possible

When Group is Out of Position:

- Referee will ask group to get back into position (unless group is significantly out of position, in which case the referee may start timing immediately)
- If group not back into position within two holes or no effort made after one hole, group will be “timed”
- If you keep up with the group in front, your group will not be timed

Procedure When Group Out of Position and Being Timed:

- The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot to the green; and
 - a chip or putt
- Obtaining a yardage and selecting a club are included in the time allocated for the shot
- If a player exceeds the allocated time he will be given a “bad time”
- If you walk quickly to your ball and play your shot within 40 seconds, you cannot get a bad time

Random Timing When Group Not Out of Position

- A group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position
- In such cases of “random timing” without warning, a player risks being given a bad time if he exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for a “first to play” shot

Penalties Related to Bad Times:

- 1 Bad Time = Warning
- 2 Bad Times = One stroke penalty (stroke play); Loss of hole (match play)
- 3 Bad Times = Additional two stroke penalty (stroke play); Loss of hole (match play)
- 4 Bad Times = Disqualification

Note: The full Pace of Play Condition and explanation of the timing procedures are available from Championship Office.