



VSGA Pace of Play Policy

Rule 6-7 states, in part: “The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish” and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty we suggest that you review the following guidelines.

Allotted Time

Groups will be required to play at the pace of play established by the Committee. Pace of Play Time Charts will be established for each VSGA Championship and will be customized for the course being played.

Definition of “Out of Position”

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart provided to each player before the round.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it:

- (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and
- (b) reaches the tee of a par three hole that is open and free of play or reaches a par four or par five hole and any player has not made a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

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Group Out of Position

If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be monitored and timed in accordance with the flag system depicted on the reverse page.

Timing

When a group is being timed, each player in the group is expected to play all strokes within 40 seconds. Timing begins when it is the player’s turn to play and nothing is obstructing his/her play.

Pace of Play Penalties

One bad time exceeding the allotted time – *Warning*

A second bad time – *One stroke penalty*

A third bad time – *Additional Two stroke penalty*

A fourth bad time – *Disqualification*

Rules or Other Incidents

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable amount of time.



Pace of Play Warning Procedure

Groups will be monitored throughout the round. Holes are grouped in three-hole intervals and a group's status will be assessed at the completion of each interval.

A group's position will be checked at the conclusion of Holes #3, #6, #9, #12, #15 and #18.



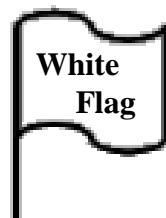
What it means: This flag is a courtesy to try to prevent players from being penalized. Your group is falling out of position or is currently out of position. Your group needs to pick up your pace in order to finish the next three-hole interval in position.

When it will be issued: A yellow flag may be issued at any time during the round.



What it means: All players are being timed individually. Players will be warned if they get a bad time. Subsequent bad times will result in a penalty.

When it will be issued: A red flag may be issued at the completion of a three-hole interval. It will be issued if a group (a) has already received a yellow flag and (b) completes a three-hole interval out of position (as defined).



What it means: Thank you. Your group has made a noticeable effort and is back in position. Players are no longer being timed.

When it will be issued: A white flag may be issued at the completion of a three-hole interval and only if the group has already received a red flag.

A Rules Official will not make contact with players until a player(s) in a group on a red flag has received a bad time.