



## WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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### Pace of Play

At their January, 2003, meeting, the WIAA Board of Control approved a Pace of Play regulation as recommended by the Golf Coaches Advisory Committee. This regulation, put into effect at the start of the 2003-04 girls' and boys' seasons, addressed Pace of Play for a group. At the January, 2012, the WIAA Board of Control approved a 40-second shot clock for each individual player. Below you will find a description of how these regulations are administered:

#### **PACE OF PLAY GROUP PENALTY**

**A group will be subject to penalty when the group is taking more than the allotted time to play and is out of position (except for the first group of the day\*). A group's time will begin with the actual time they tee off and position determined by the following factors:**

#### **PACE OF PLAY INDIVIDUAL PENALTY**

**An individual player is subject to penalty when the group is taking more than their allotted time to play, is out of position and the individual player is taking more than 40 seconds to play a shot.**

#### **DETERMINING TIME PAR**

TIME PAR is the time in which the WIAA expects all players to complete a round. It is expressed as an overall time for nine or 18 holes. The WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee has recommended and the WIAA Board of Control has approved golf tournament hosts shall determine an appropriate length of time to play the course. The recommended amount of time is two hours and 15 minutes for nine holes and four hours and 30 minutes for 18 holes.

The common recommendation for determining TIME PAR for a course is to use the time limitations found below:

- 14 minutes to play a par three
- 15 minutes to play a par four
- 16 minutes to play a par five

These times may vary in accordance with hole dynamics, special features, etc. As you can see from the University Ridge Scorecard, not all par three holes are 14 minutes and not all par five holes are 16 minutes. Times may vary. The times listed above are a common guide to help meet managers begin to determine the time for each hole.

#### **OUT OF POSITION**

Out of position is when a group is (a) behind in their time par and (b) more than one shot behind the group in front of them.

The first group of the day is considered "out of position" when they are over time par on a checkpoint hole. Otherwise, a group is considered to be "out of position" when they:

- Reach the tee of a par 3-hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee.
- Reach the tee of a par 4-hole and the putting green is clear.
- Reach the tee of a par 5-hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.
- ***Note: Both a and b must apply for a group to be out of position.***

\*First group of day is responsible to maintain the time par and, preferably, encouraged to play faster than the time par.

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF GROUP PENALTIES**

For the first Pace of Play violation a warning is assessed by the tournament manager to the group. On a second Pace of Play violation, a one-stroke penalty is assessed to each player in the group. The penalty shall be added to the hole in which the infraction occurred.

To revoke or cancel the previous hole penalty, a group will have a penalty rescinded by once they are in position or on time after being warned/penalized.

### **TIMING INDIVIDUALS**

When a group is being monitored and players are being timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Timing needs to be administered as follows:

#### Tee Shots:

- Timing begins when the first player puts their tee in the ground or their ball is placed on the teeing area (when tee is not used).
- Timing of the second and subsequent players begins when they put their tee in the ground.

#### Fairway Shots:

- Ready golf encourage (order based on who's ready, not who's away).
- Players are not allowed to walk to green to view pin position.
- Timing of first player begins 20 seconds after cart comes to rest or bag is put down. Total time allowed for first player is one minute.
- Timing of other players begins after ball is struck.

#### Green Situations:

- Players are allowed to lift, clean and replace ball, fix ball marks, remove loose impediments on green and prepare for putt.
- No continuous realigning of ball allowed.
- Timing begins when first player removes ball mark after replacing ball.
- Other player's clock begins once ball is removed from cup or previous player marks their ball.
- Players should putt out short putts (2-3 feet) whenever possible.

**If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timings of more than 40 seconds will be carried over the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.**

### **ENFORCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PENALTIES**

For the first violation of the 40-second shot limit, a warning is assessed by the tournament manager to the individual. On the second violation, a one-stroke penalty is assessed to the player. **The Tournament Manager must witness the 40-second shot violation and inform the player of the warning and/or subsequent penalty.**

**Warnings and penalties assessed to individuals cannot be rescinded.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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 time.

Practice between holes is prohibited with all WIAA events.

Questions and/or concerns regarding the Pace of Play Rule can be directed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director through e-mail at [tshafranski@wiaawi.org](mailto:tshafranski@wiaawi.org) or by calling (715) 344-8580.

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