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AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIPS



PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The Tournament Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the stipulated round. **This time will be posted on each player's scorecard and each player is expected to maintain a pace faster than the maximum allowable time.** The stipulated round is complete when the last player in the group completes play of the final hole and the flagstick is replaced.

LEAD GROUP(S):

The lead group(s) must finish their stipulated round within the maximum allowable time established by the committee. If they finish over the maximum allowable time, each player will be assessed a penalty of two strokes to their score for the final hole.

- Exception: If the lead group is held up by play that was sent out before them or that began on the opposite tee, they will be exempt from penalty if they finish over their maximum allowable time but within **14** minutes of the group in front of them.

FOLLOWING GROUPS:

Any subsequent group must finish their stipulated round within the maximum allowable time established by the committee. If they finish over the maximum allowable time, they must finish within **14** minutes of the group in front of them. If they finish over the maximum allowable time and more than **14** minutes behind the group in front of them, each player will be assessed a penalty of two strokes to their score for the final hole.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PENALTY:

If a group does not finish within their maximum allowable time due to circumstances beyond their control (such as a ruling or a ball search on the final hole, or any other circumstances which the Committee deems to be exceptional) but was otherwise in position during the play of the final four holes, the Committee may be justified in waiving the penalty. Being in position means to be immediately behind the group in front of you.

Any group that has a slow, deliberate or non-responsive player(s) may report the player(s) to NCGA/SCGA Staff or a NCGA/SCGA Staff Rules Official at any time during the stipulated round, and the player(s) will be monitored. If NCGA/SCGA Staff or a NCGA/SCGA Staff Rules Official identifies that a player(s) in the group is the cause of the group failing to maintain pace of play and determines other players are playing within the requirements of this policy, those meeting the requirements of this policy may be absolved from penalty while the others may not.

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW ALL PENALTY SITUATIONS.