



### **SHOTGUN START PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

The Tournament Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the round. **This time will be posted on each player's scorecard, and it is each group's responsibility to maintain a pace faster than the maximum allowable time.** If the field is playing at a pace that is slower than the maximum allowable time, each group is expected to remain in position.

#### **Being in position means:**

- Reaching the teeing area of a par-3 before the group ahead has teed off on the next hole;
- Reaching the teeing area of a par-4 before the group ahead leaves the putting green of that hole;
- Reaching the teeing area of a par-5 before the group ahead gets to the putting green of that hole.

If a group is over its maximum allowable time and out of position, a SCGA official will issue them a warning and provide a checkpoint by when the group must regain its position (e.g. within the next two or three holes). If the group fails to regain its position by the stated checkpoint, **each player in the group is subject to a one-stroke penalty.** At this time, the group will also be given a second checkpoint by which it must regain its position. If the group fails to regain its position by the second checkpoint, **each player in the group is subject to an additional one-stroke penalty.**

#### **EXEMPTIONS FROM PENALTY:**

If a group does not regain its position by a checkpoint due to circumstances beyond their control (such as a ruling, a ball search, or any other circumstances which the Committee deems to be exceptional), the Committee **may** be justified in waiving the penalty.

Any group that has a slow, deliberate, or non-responsive player may report the player to SCGA officials at any time during the round and the player will be monitored. If the tournament committee identifies that a player (or players) 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 others may not.

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