

Connecticut State Golf Association Pace of Play Policy

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The CSGA Pace of Play policy has been implemented to make contestants aware of their position on the golf course. The objective of this policy is to eliminate groups playing five-hour rounds. Players understanding the policy will become aware of their groups position on the course and over time begin to fix their own problems without an official putting the group on the clock.

Allotted Time: Allotted time is the amount of time a group has to complete a measured number of holes. Beginning the 2006 season all CSGA scorecards will have the pace of play identified on them. The time to complete 18 holes will be approximately 4 hours & 24 minutes, but will vary for each course.

Out of Position:

FIRST GROUP ONLY: If you are behind your allotted time at any timing station.

ALL OTHER GROUPS: Subsequent groups will not be considered “out of position” if any previous groups has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 15 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by having the flag stick in the hole within 15 minutes of the group in front of you.

TIMING CARDS

There will be timing stations located at the 4th or 5th hole of both nines and at the 9th and 18th hole. Groups will be timed at these stations and will be shown a card.

- Green card: The group is in position.
- Yellow card: The group has fallen “out of position” **or** is behind their allotted time and needs to catch up.
- Red card: The group has fallen “out of position” and behind their allotted time & will be subject to be put on the clock.

ON THE CLOCK

A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if it is “out of position.” When a group is “out of position” a player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds.

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has reasonable time to select his club. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green.

PENALTIES

Once a group has received a red card and put on the clock, the following policy will go into effect for each player:

- 1st Bad Time - Warning from the official
- 2nd Bad Time - 1 Stroke Penalty
- 3rd Bad Time - 2 Additional Strokes Penalty
- 4th Bad Time - Disqualification

Players are responsible for knowing their position on the golf course relative to their allotted time as well as the groups around them. Players should monitor and speak to individuals causing slow play. Players may ask for the group to be monitored without identifying an individual causing slow play.