

NYSGA Pace of Play Policy



It is a condition of the competition that the competitors follow the NYSGA's Pace of Play policy (see below).

“Out of Position” Defined

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind their allotted pace of play as determined by the NYSGA Committee. This time is provided on a competitors scorecard and is provided to all Rules Officials. Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if they (a) are behind their allotted time and (b) reaches the teeing ground of a par 3 hole which is clear, fails to clear the teeing ground of a par 4 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green, or arrives at the teeing ground of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

Warnings, Timing and Penalties

Players in a group which is out of position and behind their allotted time will notified that they are out of position and that the group must catch up with the group in front of them. If in a short period the group does not get closer into position, the official will inform the group that they will now be timed.

The timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, 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. The player is expected to play a stroke within 40 seconds. Time spent walking forward or backward for determining yardages as well as time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

If a group is being timed, any player who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to the following penalties:

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: One Stroke

Third Offense: Two Strokes

Third Offense: DISQUALIFICATION

Note: If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous bad timings will be carried over for the remainder of the round if the group requires additional timing.

Note: If a ruling or other uncontrollable delay causes a group to lose its position, the group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.