

**THE AUSTIN OPEN**  
**Grey Rock Golf Club**  
**APRIL 16-17, 2011**

**PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES**

**PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

Rule 6-7 states, in part: "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee," and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty we suggest that you review carefully the following guidelines.

**ALLOTTED TIME**

When play is in groups of three, groups will be required to play at no more than a 4-hour and 30-minute pace for the 18-hole round – (Par 3 – 13 minutes, Par 4 – 15 minutes, Par 5 – 17 minutes).

**DEFINITION OF "OUT OF POSITION"**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the established pace of play. Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play **and** (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; **or** reaches the teeing ground of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

**GROUP OUT OF POSITION**

If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be timed.

**TIMING**

If a group is out of position, it may be monitored or timed for failing to comply with this pace of play guideline. When a group is out of position each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

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. **Time spent determining yardage will count as 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.**

Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be advised as soon as possible.

Note: The Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary.

**PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES**

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- One bad timing of more than 40 seconds – warning
- A second bad timing – 1 stroke penalty
- A third bad timing – additional 2 stroke penalty
- A fourth bad timing – disqualification

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

**RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS**

**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.**

