

# Playing Ability Test

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## RULES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING PACE OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall at all times play without undue delay. The administering of pace of play will be handled by the PGA Rules Committee.

1. Rule 6-7 Undue Delay  
The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.
2. When play is in groups of four, groups will be required to play at a 4 hour and 21 minute pace for the 18 hole round. When play is in groups of three, groups will be required to play at a 4 hour and 3 minute pace for the 18 hole round. PGA Officials will use discretion concerning Pace of Play of early groups. All groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace, i.e., groups of four – 14 ½ minutes per hole, groups of three – 13 ½ minutes per hole.
3. The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play.
4. 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 on a par 3 and the preceding group has cleared the next tee, fails to clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green, **or** arrives at the teeing ground of 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. A group out of position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to individual timing.
5. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he/she and his/her caddy have had reasonable opportunity to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play, and he/she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for that 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/her ball. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for that stroke.

A player will be allowed a maximum of **40 seconds** to complete his/her stroke. **NOTE:** An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for a) the first to play from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole; b) the first to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole; c) the first to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole; or d) the first to play on or around the putting green.

6. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he/she will then be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion, (total of 2), he/she will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke, under Rule 6-7. If the player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he/she will incur an additional two-stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

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<b><u>Penalty for Breach of Rule 6-7:</u></b>	
First Offense	Warning
Second Offense	One (1) Stroke Penalty
Third Offense	Two (2) Stroke Penalty
Fourth Offense	Disqualification

**NOTE:** Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

**IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE PACE-OF-PLAY GUIDELINES, A MEMBER OF THE RULES COMMITTEE SHALL NOT TOLERATE ABUSE, ORAL OR OTHERWISE, BY A PLAYER. SUCH ABUSE MAY CONSTITUTE CONDUCT UNBECOMING A PROFESSIONAL.**