

# Colorado Open Golf Foundation

## 2008 PACE OF PLAY POLICY



**Summary:** Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play, states in part: “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with **ANY** pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.” All players are responsible for following the Pace of Play guidelines outlined below.

**Allotted Time:** Groups will be required to play at the pace of play established by the Committee. The Allotted Time Chart for each site will be given to the players prior to play.

**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 Allotted Time. **Any following group** will be considered “out of position” if it (a) takes more than the Allotted Time to play **OR** (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 tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

If a group is “out of position”, the players in that group may be monitored in accordance with the Pace of Play Warning Procedure depicted below.

**Timing:** Each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the stroke begins. **Other than on the putting green**, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he or she has had reasonable opportunity to reach the area from which he or she will play the stroke, it is her or her turn to play without interference or distraction, and his or her line of play is clear. 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 or her ball, repair his or her ball mark and other ball marks on his or her line of putt, and remove loose impediments on her or her line of putt. Time spent looking from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

**Penalties:** When a penalty is assessed under Rule 6-7, a member of the Committee will notify the player and his or her marker.

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| One bad time exceeding the Allotted Time | = | warning                            |
| A second bad timing                      | = | 1 stroke penalty                   |
| A third bad timing                       | = | <i>Additional</i> 2 stroke penalty |
| A fourth bad timing                      | = | <b>DISQUALIFICATION</b>            |

**Rulings and/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.

**Pace of Play Warning Procedure:** *(No flag will be displayed if a group is in position)*

**RED FLAG = OUT OF POSITION!** When a group is “out of position” and playing at a pace that will not regain its position, a Rules Official will place a red flag on the teeing ground and players will be timed according to the timing method detailed above. The group is expected to play at a pace that will regain its position.

**GREEN FLAG = BACK IN POSITION.** When a group has regained its position and is playing at a pace that will maintain its position, a Rules Official will place a green flag on the teeing ground.