



2019 WOMEN'S OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION Player Pace of Play information

In an effort to address slow play, the WOGA has adopted a group pace of play policy for its tournaments & Championships. This policy monitors each group as they complete holes in a maximum allowed time. The Tournament Committee believes that this pace of play policy will have a positive result in reducing the length of rounds. The following items are to help players better understand & adapt to the policy.

- Each group will be given a fixed amount of time in which to play each hole. Times may be reflected on the scorecards. Each group will be required to complete each hole based on the allocated time & its position in reference to the group ahead.
- The first group to start will be considered "Out of Position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time is more than the allotted time for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered out of position if a par 4 or par 5 hole is open before the group reaches the teeing area of that hole **AND** has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.
- As long as you keep up with the group ahead of you, your group will never be in jeopardy of being out of position. Always look ahead – not behind.
- When a group is out of position, all players in the group will be informed by an official as follows:
 1. 1st breach – Warning
 2. 2nd breach – 2nd Warning
 3. 3rd breach – Liable to a 1 stroke penalty
 4. 4th breach – Liable to the General Penalty
- If a group is out of position & may become liable to penalty, a rules official will monitor the group's play. This rules official is looking at each player for the following:
 1. How long it takes the player to get to her ball.
 2. When it's the player's turn to play, how long it takes her to make a stroke.
 3. Any other actions the player takes to expedite or delay play.

This information will be critical during a review when determining if a player was delayed by another player or players in the group.

- If a group is liable to penalty, the players in the group may request a review before signing & returning their scorecards. A review will be successful only if there is evidence the player(s) were:
 1. Delayed by the committee.
 2. Delayed because of circumstances beyond the control of the player or group.
 3. Delayed because of another player in the group.

And this is what caused the group to be out of position.

- Review & application of the penalty will occur only after the round. Discussion of the situation with the timing official will only cause further delay of the group. If a player is concerned about a non-responsive (slow) player in her group, she should request a Rules official to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty.
- Decisions made by the Pace of Play Committee are final & no further review is available.

Pace of Play Committee: WOGA President, any Rules Official(s) involved

