

Governing Slow Play

Revised

- It is the responsibility of the player in charge of the group, *(Player in charge of the group would be the person with the score card or the person chosen by the group)* to keep his group in pace and in proper position with the group ahead. *(To be in Proper Position would be for a group upon reaching a Tee Box having the group ahead to be either hitting their approach shots into the next green or the group ahead to be Putting out on the next Green)*
- A group that has fallen out of position by a hole and half to two holes, *for example: (a group upon reaching a tee box and having the group ahead Teeing off on the next hole or hitting their approach shots onto the 2nd Green ahead is considered to be out of position)* may be given a warning by the group following if warranted.
- The group out of position after having been warned then has two holes to get back in position.
- If the group warned fails to catch up within that time, each of the players in that group shall be assessed a "One" stroke penalty for the first offense and a "Two" stroke penalty for the second offense. If the group continues to be behind after that, all players in that group will be disqualified

Procedure For Giving Warnings and Accessing Penalties:

- The person in charge of said group giving the warning would contact the person in charge of the group being warned or the group itself and give the warning.

- If after giving the warning and a penalty is to be issued. The person in charge of the group Issuing the Penalty, must make it noted to the other players in his group that a penalty must be issued and get each of the players acknowledgement and agreement on Issuing the Penalty.
- The person in charge would then contact the person in charge of the group or the Group itself to be penalized and access the penalty.
- Twice if necessary.

Enforcement of Penalties by the Committee:

- After the round, it is the responsibility of the player in charge of the group penalized to take his stance on the issue with the committee.
- The committee will hear out his reasons for his group falling behind that would have warranted the said given penalty and or penalties.
- The person in charge of the group issuing the penalty and or penalties would then also give his reasons for issuing said penalty or penalties.
- Any player of said group not doing their part or following their actions with the committee on said issue. That groups action of penalizing or plead for not being penalized will be dismissed.
- The committee then after hearing both parties shall make the decision to enforce the penalty or penalties.

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Tips for Catching up and keeping in Pace of Play

- **Play Ready Golf when needing to catch up or your group is struggling to keep the pace of play**
- **When a player is at the ball and ready to play, they should go ahead and play—so long as it's safe**
- **If you're on the tee and ready to tee off, go ahead and tee off**
- **When putting, with the respect to others, putt continuously if you're not in someone else's line. Finish that short putt.**
- **As you walk or ride up to your next shot, start assessing the next shot, wind and yardage. You'll spend less time analyzing the shot when you get to your ball**
- **Drop your partner off at their ball, and then ride ahead to yours. Switching drivers if necessary.**
- **Where you walk and where you park the cart can affect the pace of play**
- **Park or leave your bag on the side closest to the next tee**
- **Start lining up your putt before it's your turn to putt**
- **Mark your score card after leaving the green**
- **Talk while you walk**

As with all pace of play tips, etiquette is more important than playing ready golf. However, if the opportunity presents itself to play out of order and keep moving, let's try to play faster golf.