



MIAA PACE OF PLAY MEMORANDUM

The MIAA Golf Committee has established pace of play guidelines for the Sectional Qualifiers and Championship events (groups of 3 or 4).

READY GOLF:

- “A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace.”
- “Players are both allowed and encouraged to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way.” Rule 6.4b.

UNREASONABLE DELAY; PROMPT PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6).

ALLOWABLE TIME PER HOLE AND PER ROUND:

- “A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing the hole or between holes.” Each hole is given 15 minutes (18 holes x 15 minutes/hole) for a total of 4 hours and 30 minutes.

OUT OF POSITION:

- An open hole ahead of a group means the group is out of position and the group may be warned.

TIMING OF PLAYERS:

- The group will be notified if it is out of position. Generally, the group will be given a hole or two to catch up. Walking faster will usually accomplish that goal. Producing a sense of urgency by moving faster between shots will usually prevent individual penalties. Any player in an out of position group may be timed, warned once of a bad time (more than 40 seconds for the stroke) or other slow play.

PENALTIES FOR THE BREACH OF THE RULE:

- For the **first breach**: **One-stroke penalty**;
- For the **second breach**: an additional **Two-stroke penalty** (USGA General Penalty);
- For the **third breach**: **Disqualification**.