



2017
RBC Cordova Bay
Invitational

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The Rules of Golf require that a player must play without undue delay (Rule 6-7). Rule 6-7 states, in part: "For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time to complete a stipulated round, a hole, or a stroke." In accordance with Rule 6-7, The RBC Cordova Bay Invitational has adopted the following pace of play guidelines. To prevent being penalized, you should review the following guidelines carefully.

ALLOTTED TIME

All players are required to play at no more than the Allotted Time (time par). The time par is printed on each player's scorecard, including the finish times for each hole. The pace of play for The RBC Cordova Bay Invitational is 4 hours and 15 minutes.

DEFINITION OF "OUT OF POSITION"

A group is "Out of Position" if at any time during the round it has taken more than the allotted time or it has completed play of a hole more than 13 minutes and fifty-nine seconds after the preceding group completes play of that hole.

Notes:

If a group falls behind more than 13:59 relative to the group ahead they will be subject to timing even if they are still within the allotted time. Play of the hole is deemed completed when all players in the group have completed play of the hole and the flagstick has been replaced in the hole.

The first group to start is out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to complete a hole, as detailed in the specified time par.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION: If a group is out of position, the players in that group are subject to being timed. A group that is out of position will normally be so informed by a Rules Official. However, the Committee reserves the right to time any player or group that the Committee deems is out of position, whether or not the player or group has been informed. If a group, which is out of position, regains its position, timing of players will cease. Timing may recommence if the group subsequently falls out of position.

Note: To ensure protection from penalty if a particular individual is at fault for a group being out of position, players have the option of inviting Rules Officials into their group to monitor timings.

TIMING: Each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Any player in a group being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed and a warning given as soon as practicable, by a Rules Official. An extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:

the first player to play a stroke on a hole

the first player to play on or around the putting green

THE TIMING OF A PLAYER'S STROKE WILL BEGIN WHEN:

The player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball. Rules Officials will begin timing at their discretion when a player is not proceeding in a timely manner in this regard.

It is the player's turn to play and it is safe for the player to do so, without interference or distraction.

*Time spent determining yardage etc., will count as time taken for playing the stroke. Undue delay can also occur between strokes (such as walking too slowly) and between the play of two holes.

ON THE PUTTING GREEN, TIMING WILL BEGIN AFTER:

A player has been allowed a reasonable time to repair their ball mark, lift, clean, and replace the ball.

A player has been allowed a reasonable time to remove loose impediments and repair other ball marks on the line of putt.

*Time spent looking at the line of putt will count as time taken for playing the stroke.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES:

The following are the penalties for any player in a group being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke:

First bad timing: warning

Second bad timing: 1 stroke penalty

Third bad timing: 2 stroke penalty

Fourth bad timing: 2 stroke penalty

Note: If a player incurs a pace of play penalty, the penalty will be applied to the hole where the breach occurred.

*Any bad timing incurred carries over for the remainder of that stipulated round.

APPEAL PROCESS:

Players will have an opportunity to appeal penalties incurred during the stipulated round. Players should invoke their right to appeal before signing their scorecard in the scoring area. The Tournament Rules Chair will review the penalties with the player and Rules Official(s) involved, and if necessary the fellow competitors in the group. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Committee.

RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS: If a ruling or other legitimate delay (e.g., looking for a lost ball) causes the group in question to become out of position, that group is expected to regain its position as soon as possible within a maximum of 2 holes.

