

BAY AREA PINSEEKERS GOLF CLUB

Pace of Play Policy (Effective August 28, 2020)

INTRODUCTION

Section 16J of the Club's by-laws states (in part): "The club objective is for all players to complete their tournament round in 4-1/2 hours or less." This policy addresses the issue of slow play by establishing a maximum time allowable for a group to finish its round behind the preceding group, and imposing a penalty if that time is exceeded.

The Club's pace of play directly affects its ability to book tournaments based on its collective reputation for the length of its tournament rounds.

While the Club encourages players to monitor their pace of play in other Club events (e.g. match play or team events), this policy currently affects only tournament rounds.

As representatives of an Associate Club, the Board is adopting those aspects of the NCGA's "Pace of Play Policy" and modified those which it feels will be helpful in addressing this issue.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Compliance with pace of play is every player's responsibility, including knowing the group's position to help ensure they play within the maximum time. That extends, if needed, to speaking to one or more of the other players in the group who may be causing the entire group to fall out of position.

MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED

A group must finish its round less than 20 minutes behind the preceding group.
EXCEPTION: If the preceding group finishes in under 4 hours, the MTA is increased to 30 minutes.

APPLICATION OF PENALTY STROKES

Consistent with the NCGA's policy in this area, the Tournament Director, on advice of the Time Monitor, will add any penalty to the players' last hole played, regardless if it is accessed in a shotgun OR regular tee time tournament. Penalties will, therefore, always affect the gross and net scores, and MAY affect Skins or other competitive awards.

DOCUMENTATION BY GROUP'S RULES DIRECTOR (RD)

Section 16H of the Club's by-laws requires the low handicap in each group to act as "Rules Director" for the group; this includes enforcing pace of play guidelines.

The RD shall note the actual time the group tees off on its first hole (whether the event uses a shotgun or tee time start) on a time card provided at the start of the round. Time starts when the first drive within the group is hit.

The RD should monitor the group's pace throughout the round, with a goal of averaging 15 minutes per hole (which translates to approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes), and advise the group when it is in danger of falling out of position. The RD should also encourage individual player actions that will help keep the group on pace.

At the round's conclusion, the RD shall note the group's ending time (i.e. when the last putt has dropped on the final hole) on the time card. The RD shall then submit the time card to that day's designated Timing Monitor, who will be stationed near the 18th green or another assigned area. The group's final scorecard card shall be submitted separately to the Tournament Director.

DUTIES OF THE TOURNAMENT TIMING MONITOR (TM)

At each tournament, an assigned member (Board member or designee) shall serve as Timing Monitor to collect and review each group's time card at the round's conclusion.

The TM shall attempt to advise the Player(s) that the group has exceeded the MTA and is eligible for a penalty assessment. If the player(s) are not available, the TM shall notify them after the round.

The TM shall advise the Tournament Director of all penalty strokes to be assessed.

APPEALS

Any player who has been assessed a penalty may appeal the decision to the Timing Monitor, but must do so before leaving the course.

An appeal will only be considered by the Timing Monitor if a player has been:

- delayed because of circumstances beyond the control of the player or the group; or
- delayed because of the specific actions of another player in the group.

As noted in Section 16C of the Club's by-laws, the Handicap Director "...shall make the final determination regarding the application of rules in all tournament play." The Board has extended that authority to the Timing Monitor in collaboration with the Handicap Director.

RECORD-KEEPING

The Recording Secretary shall maintain a list of all members who receive penalty strokes during the year.