

### **Pace of Play Policy**

*This Policy is to be applied at all Wales Golf Championships where expected hole timings are published*

**a) Time Allowed** - Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

**b) Definition of Out of Position** - The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

**c) Procedure When Group is Out of Position** - 1. Consideration will be given to groups experiencing difficulties such as, a ball search, rulings, and inclement weather.  
2. If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

**d) Time Allowed for a Stroke** - The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- On a par three hole;
- An approach shot; and
- A chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. The time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the stroke. Timing will cease when the group is back in position. The players will be advised accordingly.

**Note:** In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group, may be timed instead of the entire group.

	<b>Penalty for Breach</b>	
	Stroke Play & Stableford	Match Play
1 Bad Time	One Stroke/Point Penalty	Loss of Hole
2 Bad Times	Further two stroke/point penalty	Further Loss of hole
3 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

### **e) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round**

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, warnings, bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

### **Player Responsibility**

- Be ready to play
- It is the responsibility of each player to play within the published maximum times allowed
- Referees will inform players who are not playing within the maximum time limits
- Even if the reason for your group being out of position is as a result of a lost ball, a lengthy search or a ruling, it remains the responsibility of the group:
  - to play to the scheduled time, and
  - to get back into position (with referee assistance if necessary)