



2026 D-I WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Pace of Play Policy-Stroke Play

Maximum Allowable Time

Maximum allowable time is the maximum time that the Committee considers necessary for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the player scorecard and includes all time associated with playing the game, for example, for rulings and walking time between holes. A player does not receive any additional time when a Coach is present.

The hole is completed when the last player in the group removes their ball from the hole.

- Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round.
- Players are encouraged to play "ready golf" in a safe and responsible way.

(Rule 6.4b)

"Out of Position"

A group is **out of position** when it exceeds the maximum allowable time **and**:

- a) Arrives at a par-3 before all players in the group ahead have played from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b) Arrives at a par-4 before all players in the group ahead have holed out.
- c) Arrives at a par-5 before any player in the group ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

Warning/ "On the Clock" / "Bad Time"

When the Committee determines that a group is out of position, the group may either receive a warning or be put immediately on the clock (that is, to be timed) and the players will be notified by a member of the Committee.

- When warned, the group is expected to regain position with the group ahead as soon as possible. If the group does not make up time or regain position, the group will be put on the clock and informed by a member of the Committee.
- While on the clock, any player in a group who incurs a bad time will be informed as soon as possible.
- While on the clock, the Committee may assess a bad time to a player who delays play between shots or holes.
- An official will not inform a group when it has regained its position and is no longer on the clock. A player or designated coach may inquire as to the status of the group at any time.
- If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous bad times will be carried forward for the remainder of that round.
- **Regardless of position, if the Committee determines that a player(s) in the group is delaying play of their own or any subsequent group, or the competition in general (which includes a stroke play playoff or extra holes in a match)**
 - The group or individual player may be warned and/or placed on the clock by a referee at anytime.
 - The penalty for breach of Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) may be applied.

Time Permitted to Play a Stroke

A player is considered to have incurred a bad time when the player exceeds **40 seconds** to make a stroke.

- An extra **10 seconds** (for a total of 50 seconds) will be permitted for the first player to play:
 - A stroke on a par-3
 - A second stroke on a par-4 or par-5
 - A third stroke on a par-5
 - A stroke around the putting green
 - A stroke on the putting green
- The timing of a player's stroke begins when it is the players turn to play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage, talking with a coach and considering other conditions, such as wind, will count as time taken for the stroke.
 - **On the putting green**, the actions allowed under Rule 13.1 are not included in the timing of a players stroke, provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play. However, time spent surveying the line of play from any angle will count as time taken for the stroke.

Penalties

The following is the penalty structure for a player who receives a bad time while on the clock (timed).

BAD TIME	STROKE PLAY	MATCH PLAY
1st bad time	No penalty	No penalty
2nd bad time	1 stroke penalty	Loss of hole
3rd bad time	Additional 2 stroke penalty	Additional loss of hole
4th bad time	Disqualification	Disqualification