

2024 PACE OF PLAY POLICY CHANGES

With the support of the Player Advisory Council and approval from the Policy Board, changes to the PGA TOUR pace of play policy will go into effect on January 1, 2024. Recommended by the PGA TOUR Rules Committee and Competitions staff, these changes will be instituted across both the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour. All players and their support teams should refer to the complete Pace of Play policy within the 2024 PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.

Official Warnings – As the focus of the pace of play policy moves towards individual player data, the financial penalties associated with official pace warnings have been eliminated. Warnings remain in place as a courtesy to players prior to timing.

Number of Timings - To reflect the change back to a calendar season the number of timings allowed before a financial penalty is applied has been reduced from 12 to 10. The increase to twelve timings was a one-year change to recognize the number of events in 2022/23 super-season. In addition, the financial exemption based on a player's average stroke time has been eliminated. Any player that accumulates ten timings in a season is subject to a financial penalty without exception.

Excessive Stroke Time (EST) - The excessive stroke time (EST) has been tightened to include a second threshold of 100 seconds for those players second or third to play. 120 seconds remains in place for the first player to play. This is consistent with the current timing policy which allows additional time for the first player to play.

Observation List - The observation list has been eliminated from the policy and has been replaced by a new criterion, average stroke time (AST), which will compare an individual player's times against the field.

Average Stroke Time (AST) – click [HERE](#) to review the entire Average Stroke Time policy.

- The AST uses statistical data to track a player's average stroke times event-by-event.
- At the conclusion of a tournament a player's average stroke time is compared against the field average.
- For a given tournament, if a player has an average stroke time of 7.0 seconds or more above the field average, he has recorded an AST infraction.
- This is only expected to capture a small percentage of the field, the slowest players that week.
- Infractions are accumulated during the season. A \$20,000 fine is assessed upon reaching 10 AST infractions and escalate thereafter.
- Players can track their average stroke times versus the field on the new player app.
- Please refer to the link above for the complete AST policy, including the method of the average stroke time calculation and the fines associated with AST infractions. Fines are prorated for players playing across the PGA TOUR and the Korn Ferry Tour.

Questions regarding the pace of play policy or the changes for 2024, please seek a member of your Player Relations team, Competitions Department or PGA TOUR Rules Committee.