



2025 KORN FERRY TOUR PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6b states, in part: “The player should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee shall set a Pace of Play Policy.” The following Pace of Play Policy, including penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions has been adopted. In the administration of this Pace of Play Policy, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

1. DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF OUT OF POSITION

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable course(s) Pace of Play Chart.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the allotted time to play, and:

- a) reach a par-3 hole that is open and clear of play, and all players in the group ahead have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole, or
- b) reach a par-4 or par-5 hole and all players have not played a stroke from the teeing area before the hole is open and clear of play.

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Further, if an individual player is determined by the Rules Committee to be unreasonably slow, they may be timed individually at the Rules Committee’s discretion, regardless of whether their group is out of position.

2. APPLICATION OF WARNINGS, TIMINGS AND BAD TIMES

When the Rules Committee determines that a group is starting to fall behind, or is out of position, the group (or individual players within the group) will receive an official warning. Such a warning will be given as soon as possible and given only once during a round. In some circumstances, the Rules Committee may commence timing without having given such a warning, including when a group has already fallen significantly behind, and the group or an individual is affecting other groups.

Once a group (or individual players within the group) has been warned, the Rules Committee (if available to do so) will monitor the pace of individual players in the group to determine if any players should be timed individually, as opposed to the entire group, in the case the group does not regain its position on the course.

When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual out of position will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed. Such timing could occur on any hole, including the finishing holes of a round.

WHEN THE TIME STARTS AND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A STROKE

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Players will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to find a fixed reference point (such as a sprinkler head) and pace back to their ball. Time spent calculating and interpreting that yardage and determining club and other conditions (such as wind), will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Players will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete the actions allowed under Rules 13.1 and 15.1, provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play. Time spent assessing the line of play and other conditions (such as slope or grain), will count as time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE 1: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- d) the first player to play around the putting green;
- e) the first player to play on the putting green.

NOTE 2: Bad Times apply when a player exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke when being timed. The player will be given a Bad Time and informed by the referee as soon as practicable.

3. DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF EXCESSIVE STROKE TIMES (EST's)

Excessive Stroke Times apply when a player exceeds:

- a) 120 seconds for the first player in a group to play a stroke;
- b) 100 seconds for subsequent players in the group to play a stroke.

If a player is observed by a referee to take more than 120 seconds to play a stroke when first to play, or 100 seconds to play a stroke for subsequent players without a valid reason, they will be given an Excessive Stroke Time. The player will be informed as soon as practicable by the referee and may be timed individually, regardless of the groups position.

An Excessive Stroke Time must be observed by a referee on-course and in-person. However, the referee may choose to confirm the actual stroke time with the assistance of video footage.

NOTE: All Excessive Stroke Times accumulated during the round or season are subject to monetary fines.

4. PENALTY STROKES DURING A TOURNAMENT – BAD TIMES

- First Offense:
One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 Bad Time) - no penalty.
- Second Offense:
One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 Bad Times) - a one (1) stroke penalty.
- Third Offense:
One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 Bad Times) - a two (2) stroke penalty.
- Fourth Offense:
One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 Bad Times) - Disqualification.

NOTE: Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (Bad Time) will be carried over throughout the tournament.

5. FINES CUMULATIVE DURING A SEASON – TIMINGS, BAD TIMES & EXCESSIVE STROKE TIMES

“Season” is defined as all official FedEx Cup tournaments and FedEx Fall tournaments combined. All Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Stroke Times accumulate during the season (except as detailed in Note 3 below).

- a) **TIMINGS**
 - First through ninth (9th) occasion of being timed - no fine.
 - Tenth (10th) occasion of being timed - a fine of \$2,000.
 - Eleventh (11th) and subsequent occasion of being timed - a fine of \$500 for each offense.

b) BAD TIMES

- First timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 Bad Time) - no fine.
- Second timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 Bad Times) - a fine of \$1,000.
- Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 Bad Times) - a fine of \$2,000 for each offense.

c) EXCESSIVE STROKE TIMES (EST's)

- First timing exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (1 Excessive Stroke Time) – no fine.
- Second timing exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (2 Excessive Stroke Times) – a fine of \$500.
- Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (3 or more Excessive Stroke Times) – a fine of \$1,000 for each offense.

NOTE 1: Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Stroke Times which occur on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining a player's cumulative season total. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

NOTE 2: Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Stroke Times which occur at non-Four-Ball rounds at official Pro-Am tournaments (e.g., BMW Charity Pro-Am), will count towards a player's cumulative season total.

NOTE 3: Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Stroke Times which occur at Major Championships will not count towards a player's cumulative season total.

6. DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF AVERAGE STROKE TIME (AST)

Average Stroke Time (AST) is a data-driven statistic based on the recording of a player's individual stroke times and produced by ShotLink. At the conclusion of a tournament, a player's average stroke time is compared against the field average.

- a) For a given tournament, if a player has an **average stroke time of 7.0 seconds or more above the field average**, they have recorded an Average Stroke Time (AST) infraction.
- b) For a given tournament, if a player has an **average stroke time of 12.0 seconds or more above the field average**, they have recorded an **Excessive** Average Stroke Time (AST) infraction.

AST infractions (including those deemed excessive) are accumulated during the season before monetary fines are applied.

NOTE 1: The calculation of a player's average stroke time for a tournament is calculated as follows:

- a) Each individual stroke time is the amount of elapsed time from when the preceding player makes his stroke to the time the player makes his stroke.
- b) The following strokes are then removed from the calculation of the average:
 - All strokes played immediately after relief drops, penalty drops, and provisional balls played;
 - Each instance of the first player to play (e.g., first stroke from the tee, first approach, first putt, etc.);
 - All strokes that require large spans of time; and
 - For each individual player, the top 10% slowest strokes recorded.
 - If a competitor plays more than 9 holes in a group of 2 when groups of 3 have been scheduled, their stroke data for that specific round will not count towards their Tournament Stroke Average (AST).

NOTE 2: The following tournaments are not included in the season accumulation of AST infractions:

- a) Major Championships and tournaments where ShotLink stroke data is not recorded (i.e. events held in Bahamas and South America);
- b) BMW Charity Pro-Am and other pro-am format events

NOTE 3: The accumulation of AST infractions will be updated on a weekly basis. The player data and fine structure will be reviewed by the Rules Committee and Policy Board on an annual basis.

7. FINES CUMULATIVE DURING A SEASON – AVERAGE STROKE TIME (AST) INFRACTIONS

- a) Once a player has accumulated ten (10) average stroke time (AST) infractions during a season, monetary fines will be instituted as follows:
- First through ninth (1st – 9th) AST infractions - no fine.
 - Tenth (10th) AST infraction – a fine of \$2,000.
 - Eleventh through Fourteenth (11th – 14th) AST infractions – a fine of \$500 for each offense.
 - Fifteenth (15th) and subsequent AST infractions – a fine of \$1,000 fine for each offense.
- b) Once a player has accumulated three (3) **Excessive** Average Stroke Time (AST) infractions during a season, monetary fines will be instituted as follows:
- 1st Excessive AST Infraction – no fine.
 - 2nd Excessive AST Infraction – no fine.
 - 3rd Excessive AST Infraction – a fine of \$500
 - 4th and subsequent Excessive AST Infractions – a fine of \$1,000

NOTE 1: Average stroke time (AST) infractions on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining the cumulative number of AST infractions during a season. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

8. REPEAT OFFENSES

Any player that receives a fine under this pace of play policy for Timings, Bad Times, Excessive Stroke Times or Average Stroke Times will be subject to double this fine structure the following season. For each consecutive season beyond one season in which the player is subject to fines under the policy, the fine amount will continue to double from the previous season. (NOTE: Any player who receives a fine under this policy on the Korn Ferry Tour will not be subject to double the existing fine structure in their first year on the PGA TOUR.)

In addition, a player who exceeds ten (10) Timings or ten (10) Average Stroke Time infractions in more than one season or has an Average Stroke Time that is consistently above TOUR average, and shows no improvement over the course of a season, may be subject to further sanctions under the Conduct Unbecoming a Professional regulation. This may include but is not limited to suspension and/or other measures designed to help the player improve his pace of play including mandatory education, additional fines, or other requirements.

9. APPEALS

Any appeal of a Bad Time or Excessive Shot Time must be referred to the on-site Chief Referee immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The Chief Referee's decision shall be final. If the player in question does not appeal immediately upon conclusion of his round, any penalties and fines shall stand.

A player may not appeal any occasion of being Timed or any Average Stroke Time infraction.

For Excessive Stroke Times a provision has been added to account for "a valid reason for taking longer" on an individual shot. This is purposely broad in order to account for the wide range of situations a player can encounter on the course and will be interpreted in a reasonable way by the Rules Committee.