

2022 Girls Junior Americas Cup Pace of Play Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide an environment and predetermined expectation as to the length of time it will take a group of players to complete their competition round.

Contributing factors: There are several factors taken into consideration when the Rules of Golf Committee sets the round time. Golf course design, distance between green and tee, whether or not shuttles should be used, difficulty of putting greens, yardage being played, weather, golf course conditioning, difficulty of the walk, ability of the field of players. Perspectives are also sought including the course golf professional, course superintendent, host golf association and members of the Rules of Golf Committee. Each year the pace of play expectations **will** change as the competition moves to a different golf course.

Pace of Play Data: Groups of players are measured on two criteria:

1. Aggregate time averaged over a given number of holes. A group should average 15 minutes per hole. Measured by Rules of Golf officials when the last ball goes in or flagstick goes back in.
2. Distance behind the group in front of them. A group should be no more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them. Measured (not estimated) from last ball in or flagstick in to last ball in or flagstick in. Measurements are conducted by Rules of Golf officials.

If a group should not achieve these two (both) targets by definition they are “out of position.”

Once a group is out of position a Rules official will advise them of such **and notify their team captains**. From that time until they are back in position the entire group is subject to being timed. A Rules official will advise the group they are back in position.

Timing: While a group **is** being timed a player is limited to 40 seconds to make their next stroke from the time it is their turn to play. That 40 seconds includes all coaching, advice time provided by the advice giver/captain. There is no restriction on playing ready golf.

When the Rules officials look at why a group may have fallen behind all rulings, ball searches, items beyond a player's control are timed. Groups can fall behind for reasons “not their fault”. Even so a group is expected to make every effort to regain their expected time/position.

Bad Time Penalty Applications.

1 st bad time	Warning
2 nd bad time	1 stroke penalty
3 rd bad time	2 stroke penalty
4 th bad time	Disqualified for that round

Being unable to live up to our commitment to the host golf course and to the entire field as to when we will finish our rounds and clear the starting tees can have numerous negative outcomes for GJAC as a whole. To that end our desire to achieve reasonable pace of play is determined. Officials will be focused on pace but will endeavor to help players be successful in the least intrusive way possible.