



MGA/USGA Pace of Play

For 5th Porto Cima 4 Ball Championship

Rule 6-7 states, in part: “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee,” and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play.”

Allotted time: When play is in groups of four, groups will be expected to play at no more than 4-hours and 52 minutes for a 18-Hole round (see attached time chart for minutes per hole)

Definition of “Out of Position”:

-The first group (each side) to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the attached time chart.

-Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if it is (a) behind the prescribed schedule and (b) reached a par-3 hole that is open and free of play and the preceding group has teed off on the next hole, or reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole and any player has not made a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Note: A player or caddie may ask a Rules Official at any time how their group is doing with its pace.

Group Out of Position: If a group falls out of position, a Rules Official will inform a Rover that said group is out of position. Upon confirmation from the Rover and immediately after the group in question has left the next teeing ground, a Rules Official should inform the group in question that they are out of position and that they will be monitored and timed.

Timing: When the Committee determines that a group (or individual) will be timed, all players (or specified individual) in the group will be notified by a Rover.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin with it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair ball marks and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is permitted **40 seconds** to play a stroke. (Note: This 40-second time limit includes the first player to play from the teeing ground, from the fairway, from around and onto the putting green).

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Any player in a group being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed as soon as possible by the Rover.

Note: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group who deemed necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his group get back in position. Examples of this would be a player that delays play between shots or holes.

Monitoring/Penalties: Any player in a group out of position who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions will be informed as soon as possible that he has been **penalized** one (1) stroke.

So the following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins:

- 1st bad timing exceeding the allotted time – Warning
- 2nd bad timing- 1 stroke penalty
- 3rd bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty
- 4th bad timing – Disqualification

Note: If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous “bad times” will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.



Rulings or other incidents: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Time Schedule in Hours (Groups of 4; Par 72)
The Club at Porto Cima
#1 Tee Start

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Turn	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	4		4	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	4
Time Given	0:16	0:16	0:15	0:18	0:16	0:15	0:16	0:18	0:16		0:16	0:16	0:16	0:18	0:15	0:18	0:15	0:16	0:16
Total Time		0:32	0:47	1:05	1:21	1:36	1:52	2:10	2:26		2:42	2:58	3:14	3:32	3:47	4:05	4:20	4:36	4:52

#10 Tee Start
The Club at Porto Cima

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Turn	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	4		4	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	4
Time Given	0:16	0:16	0:15	0:18	0:16	0:15	0:16	0:18	0:16		0:16	0:16	0:16	0:18	0:15	0:18	0:15	0:16	0:16
Total Time	2:42	2:58	3:13	3:31	3:47	4:02	4:18	4:36	4:52			:32	:48	1:06	1:21	1:39	1:54	2:10	2:26

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