

Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association Pace of Play Policy

Adherence to the MPSGA pace of play policy is the responsibility of each MPSGA player. We are not requesting our members to play at a rate that precludes taking appropriate preparation before each shot. Every group, however, must practice Ready Golf (not "honors" golf) and play efficiently.

A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Your group must keep up with the group in front of you. Our pace of play objective is 15 minutes per hole with the slowest group finishing in less than 5 hours. The refusal or inability to play at this pace will result in penalties, disqualification or the suspension of a member.

Standards

1. Our pace of play standard begins 30 minutes after the shotgun start. This allows some time for groups who may have to travel a considerable distance to their first hole.
2. Falling behind the pace of play is determined by the existence of a gap of 1 or more par 4 or par 5 holes between your group and the preceding group (par 3 holes are not considered). If your group arrives at a par 4 or par 5 tee and there is no group on the hole, your group is behind the pace of play standard.

Required Action

1. Once a group discovers they are behind the pace of play standard, the group must voluntarily split into two 2-somes. A group that is a 3-some may not split but **must** increase their pace of play and close the gap.
2. The absence of a group closely following a group that is behind the pace of play standard is **NOT** a valid reason for not voluntarily splitting. "No one was pushing us" is **NOT** a valid excuse for falling behind.

Penalties -- Failure of a group to voluntarily split, or in the case of a 3-some, failure to play at a better pace and close the gap, will be subject to the following penalties:

- Failure to voluntarily split up when one hole behind is a 1 stroke penalty to everyone in the group as determined by a Rules Official, a Marshall or a BOD Member.
- If a group is determined to be 2 holes behind, the penalty is 2 strokes.
- If a group fails to split when told by a Rules Official, a Marshall or a BOD Member, the complete group will be disqualified and must leave the course.
- If a group falls behind more than 2 holes, the group will be moved up by two holes (or more), regardless of where they are, and will be assigned an adjusted score reflecting each player's par plus handicap allotment plus 2 penalty strokes per hole (subject to our 9 maximum score).
- REPEAT OFFENDERS --Players that are repeat offenders of the Pace of Play policy will be reprimanded and potentially suspended.

Appeals -- Players that are subject to pace of play penalties may appeal the ruling to the Tournament Director and then to the BOD if not resolved. There are only two situations that are grounds for appeal: 1) The group was delayed by a Rules Official, a Marshall or a BOD Member; 2) The group was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of a player or the group.