



# OGA PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES



These Guidelines will be in effect at all OGA Adult Championships and selected Oregon Junior Golf Events.

Compliance with pace is the player's responsibility. If you feel a fellow-competitor or opponent is unduly delaying your group, it is your responsibility to notify the Committee as soon as practicable.

## CHECKPOINT HOLES:

*Checkpoint holes* will be located at the group's 9th and 18th holes. A hole is deemed to be completed when the flagstick has been replaced into the hole after all players in a group have completed play of the hole.

## MAXIMUM TIME:

The *maximum time* is defined by the time listed on your scorecard and relates to the official time. The *maximum time* includes time spent searching for lost balls, rulings and poor play. Each group is expected to play efficient golf in order to "bank time" throughout the round. The *maximum time* may be adjusted by the Committee.

## OUT OF POSITION:

Lead Group – the lead group is *out of position* if they complete any *checkpoint hole* over the *maximum time*.

Following Group – A following group is *out of position* if they complete any *checkpoint hole* over the *maximum time* and are 15 minutes or more behind the group in front ( $\leq 14:59$  = In Position;  $\geq 15:00$  = Out of Position).

## PENALTIES:

If a group completes a *checkpoint hole* and is *out of position*, the following penalties may be applied to the hole where the breach occurred. Penalties may be applied without warning.

1<sup>st</sup> missed checkpoint – One penalty stroke

2<sup>nd</sup> missed checkpoint – Two additional penalty strokes, for a total of three penalty strokes

This box applies only to Oregon Junior Golf:

The penalty statement above applies with the following exception – a 2<sup>nd</sup> missed checkpoint is only one additional penalty stroke, for a total of two penalty strokes.

- a. A Green Card will be presented if a group completes a *checkpoint hole* and is in position.
- b. A Red Card will be presented if a group completes a *checkpoint hole* and is *out of position*.
- c. If a group is presented a Red Card at the first *checkpoint hole* and is presented a Green Card at the second *checkpoint hole*, the group will not be required to file an appeal and the penalty stroke will automatically be rescinded.

## APPEAL PROCESS:

- 1) Appeals will only be handled in the scoring area at the completion of the stipulated round. Discussion of missed checkpoints during the round will only cause further delay of the group.
- 2) Once you have arrived at the scoring area you may submit a written appeal to the Committee before you have exited the scoring area. If you leave the scoring area for any reason you may no longer submit an appeal.
- 3) If the group has missed two checkpoints, two separate appeals must be submitted and each will be addressed separately. In this situation, if the group has a successful review of one of their appeals, the maximum penalty under this policy is one penalty stroke.
- 4) A review will be successful if there is evidence that the player or group was:
  - i. delayed by the Committee,
  - ii. delayed because of a circumstance beyond control of the player or group; or
  - iii. delayed because of another player in the group.

**NOTE:** Nothing in this policy excludes a player from being assessed the general penalty under Rule 6-7.