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Pace of Play Policy for Houghton Golf Club:

PLEASE NOTE: The Golf Operations Staff, Management and Course Marshals have been empowered to manage the "Pace of Play" at Houghton Golf Club. Failure to adhere to the following policy or abuse/ disrespect of the Marshal shall be dealt with at a Committee level.

At the discretion of Houghton Golf Club a group may be told to **"SKIP A HOLE"** in order to regain their position. This should be considered an instruction as the "flow" of the field takes precedence over an individual group's position in the field.

(a) Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of each hole will be as per the table below. Timing will be based upon the group's advertised starting time at the designated starting hole.

NB: 12 minutes will be treated as standard for Halfway House, but will be monitored and adjusted according to the average halfway time on any given day.

Hole	Meters	Par	Time Par	Time Total	Hole	Meters	Par	Time Par	Time Total
1	328	4	14	14m	10	504	5	17	17m
2	438	4	15	29m	11	358	4	14	31m
3	485	5	17	46m	12	387	4	15	46m
4	395	4	14	1h	13	352	4	14	1h
5	493	5	17	1h17m	14	149	3	11	1h11m
6	387	4	14	1h31m	15	515	5	17	1h28m
7	155	3	11	1h42m	16	183	3	11	1h39m
8	367	4	14	1h56m	17	349	4	14	1h53m
9	158	3	11	2h07m	18	400	4	14	2h07m
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Definition of "Out of Position": The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval (8 minutes) behind the group in front.

Note: In making a decision on whether to time a "following group" that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

A par three hole; an approach shot; and a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note A/ in some circumstances, an individual player, or players within a group, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

AS PER THE GUIDELINES SET BY THE R&A AND USGA IN THE RULES OF GOLF 2019.

Please refer to Rules 5.6a and 5.6b

(C) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the recommended procedure in the R&A and USGA pace of play manual will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed.