

# Pace of Play Policy

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## **Background**

The Sierra Sage Men's Golf Club (SSGMC) holds periodic tournaments throughout the golfing season and would like these tournaments to be enjoyable experiences for all players. The most frequently mentioned concern with tournaments is slow play. This Pace of Play policy is enacted by the SSMC to address this concern.

## **Pace of Play policy**

The target time for 18 holes of tournament play is 4 ¼ hours or an average of 14 minutes per hole. This time should be within the capability of all golfers if they play ready golf. It is the responsibility of the group collectively and each member of the group individually to complete the round within the target time. While slow play may be attributed to a single player, each member of a group finishing the last hole 15 minutes or more behind the group in front will be assessed a bad time. Should two bad times be accumulated by a player during a season he may, at the tournament directors discretion, be restricted to entering tournaments only after 10:00. Should three bad times be accumulated during a season, the player may be restricted to entering only in the last two groups. Should a pattern of bad times continue a player may be restricted from entering one or more tournaments.

## *Exceptions*

No bad time will be assigned when a group finishes within the 4 ¼ hour timeframe.

Extension of the 15 minute final-hole limit will be considered if the prior group has fewer than four golfers

## *Notification*

Players will be notified by email when a bad time has been assessed. A list of players with their accumulated bad time totals will be posted in the golf shop.