



METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

113th U.S. Amateur Championship SQR (NJ)
Canoe Brook Country Club (South Course), Summit, N.J.
Thursday, July 25, 2013

CHECKPOINT SYSTEM POLICY

Rule 6-7. Undue Delay: Slow Play states: "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play."

The MGA Pace of Play Policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs – **with you, the player**. If you are the first group in the field, play efficient golf. If you are in a following group, keep up with the group in front of you and you will not have a pace of play issue.

Scorecards will have the expected time your group is to complete each hole. If you fall behind, you are expected to play efficient golf and get back into position. This might mean playing ready golf or continuous putting which are both allowed in stroke play. Officials will be stationed on various holes who will inform you of your pace.

The MGA will produce a pace of play time chart specific to the golf course being played by taking into account the difficulty of the holes and the layout of the golf course. While the close monitoring of individuals may not be possible because of the limited number of officials on the golf course, the pace of play time chart will help officials to identify groups that are out of position.

OUT OF POSITION:

The **First Group** is Out of Position if the flagstick is replaced in a check-point hole after the expected time based on the pace of play chart.

Subsequent Groups are Out of Position if the flagstick is replaced in a check-point hole after the expected time **AND** more than 12 minutes after the preceding group replaced the flagstick.

CHECKPOINTS: 9th and 18th Greens

Clocks will be stationed on certain holes which will give you the opportunity to check your time and get back into position before the 9th and 18th check-points.

There will be an official present on the 9th and 18th holes to record your pace. The hole is considered complete when the flagstick is returned to the hole. You will be shown a **GREEN** card if your group is within your allotted time; a **YELLOW** card if you are behind your allotted time but within 12 minutes of the preceding group; a **RED** card if you are **OUT OF POSITION** (behind your allotted time and more than 12 minutes behind the preceding group).

PENALTY SITUATION:

If a group is Out of Position on the 9th hole and still Out of Position when they complete the 18th hole, each player in the group will be assessed a **ONE STROKE PENALTY**. The application of the penalty will occur in the scoring area.

APPEAL PROCESS:

Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and **must be made before scorecards are signed and returned**. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee (such as a long ruling), a circumstance beyond the players' control such as an extensive search for a ball or balls, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group.

Allotted Time: The overall time is the sum of each per hole time.

The allotted time for the USGA Amateur Championship SQR at Canoe Brook Country Club (South Course) is **4 hours and 30 minutes**.