

Pace of Play Policy

Background

The Sierra Sage Men's Club (SSMC) 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.

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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. One accumulated bad time will be removed for each tournament the players group finishes within the target time. Should three bad times be accumulated by a player, i.e. three consecutive tournaments, he will be restricted to entering tournaments only after 10:00. Should five bad times be accumulated, the player will be restricted to entering only in the last two groups.

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.