

2026 Sunnehanna Amateur

June 17 to 20, 2026

Pace Of Play Policy

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Rule 5.6b states, in part: The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee, “and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty, we suggest that you carefully review the following guidelines. The Committee has adopted the modified Local Rule K-5 for its Pace of Play Guidelines and penalty structure.

ALLOTTED TIME

A group of three will be required to play at a 4-hour and 32 minutes pace for the 18 hole round at Sunnehanna Country Club.

DEFINITION OF “OUT OF POSITION”

The first group to start will be considered out of position if at any time during the round; the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it **(a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) more than 15 minutes behind the preceding group.** As an example, the players should expect that they are likely to be out of position if it reaches the tee of any par 3 hole and the next tee is clear, reaches the tee of a par 4 hole and the hole is clear, or reaches the tee of a par 5 hole and the preceding group is on the putting green. **Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.**

GROUP OUT OF POSITION

A group that is out of position and behind the established pace of play will be warned once by an official. This is the official signal to the players that the official may commence timing of the individual players at any time. When the group continues to be out of position and behind the “time par”, the individual players in the group will be timed. Groups will be notified when they are being timed. Timing will commence after all players in the group have teed off on the hole and have been notified.

TIMING

When a group is being monitored and timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within **40 seconds** after timing of the player’s stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line

of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. When a group is out of position, a player will be allowed a maximum of **40 seconds** to complete his stroke. NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for the (a) first to play from the teeing ground on a Par 3 hole; (b) the first to play a second stroke on a Par 4 or Par 5 hole; (c) the first to play a third stroke on a Par 5 hole; or (d) the first to play on or around the putting green.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

The penalty structure in Model Local Rule K-5 has been adopted by the Committee. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he will then be warned that if he exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 2), he will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke under Rule 5.6b. If a player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he will incur an additional two stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

When a group in question regains its proper position, timing will be discontinued. However, any previous timings that have exceeded the limit will be carried over for the remainder of the stipulated round in the event the group requires additional monitoring.

RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Disputes are resolved by John Yerger, Marion Dantzler, Bill Fallon, and Terry Teasdale.

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
TIME PAR	:14	:17	:15	:15	:14	:14	:14	:15	:17	2:15
CUM. TIME (#1)	:14	:31	:46	1:01	1:15	1:29	1:43	1:58	2:15	2:15
CUM.TIME (#10)	2:31	2:48	3:03	3:18	3:32	3:46	4:40	4:15	4:32	4:32

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
TIME PAR	:13	:16	:16	:15	:15	:18	:15	:15	:14	2:17
CUM. TIME (#1)	2:28	2:44	3:00	3:15	3:30	3:48	4:03	4:18	4:32	4:32
CUM TIME (#10)	:13	:29	:45	1:00	1:15	1:33	1:48	2::03	2:17	2:17