



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifying 7/13/09
Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena, CA

(This supplements information to the USGA card "Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition for USGA Championships;" disregard club posted local rules.)

TEE MARKERS: Play will be from the **Orange** tee markers.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: Rule 3-3 authorizes the play of a second ball when doubtful of your rights or procedure. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, you should announce to your marker your decision to proceed under Rule 3-3 and which ball you will score with if the Rules permit. On completing the round, you **MUST** report the facts immediately to the Committee **even if you score the same with both balls.** The penalty for failing to do so is disqualification.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by inside edges at ground level of white stakes and/or perimeter fencing. The white painted line on the curbing left of Hole 8 green and on the cart path left of Hole 14 have no status.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE: Unpaved cart paths are integral parts of the course from which relief without penalty is NOT available.

STAKED TREES: Protection of young trees identified by stakes. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: The use of distance measuring devices, including GPS-based systems and laser rangefinders are **NOT ALLOWED** during USGA Championships or any stage of qualifying.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY: Rule 6-7 states, in part: "The players 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 review carefully the following guidelines.

Definition of "Out of Position"

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play as listed below.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play AND (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the teeing ground of a par-5 hole when 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

If a group is out of position, the players in the group may be monitored and timed. The first group to start will be informed by a Rules Rover that they are being monitored. Any subsequent group out of position will NOT be informed when they are being monitored and timed. However, a player may ask any Rules Official if her group is being monitored and timed.

Timing

If a group or match is out of position, it may be monitored and timed for failure to comply with this pace of play guideline. When a group or match is out of position, each player in the group or match is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, timing of a player's stroke will begin when she has had reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction.

Time spent determining yardage 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 her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt and remove loose impediments on her 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.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green

The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

USGA Time Limits: Groups of 3

<u>Hole#</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Hole#</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	0:16	10	0:16
2	0:16	11	0:16
3	0:16	12	0:13
4	0:16	13	0:19
5	0:13	14	0:16
6	0:19	15	0:13
7	0:16	16	0:16
8	0:16	17	0:16
9	0:13	18	0:19

Pace of Play Penalties

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins:

- One bad timing of more than 40 seconds – warning
- A second bad timing – 1 stroke penalty
- A third bad timing – additional 2 stroke penalty
- A fourth bad timing – Disqualification

NOTE: If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timing of more than 40 seconds will be carried over for the remainder of that round or match in the event that the group requires additional monitoring. Any group with a player who has a bad time will be notified if the group requires additional monitoring and timing during the round.

Rulings or Other Incidents

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