

**PACE OF PLAY POLICY****1. Time allowed for round**

The Committee will establish a maximum time to complete the round based mainly on its length and difficulty. The maximum playing time to complete the 18 holes will be available prior to start of the competition.

**2. Out of position**

For the first group, to be above the time allowed by the Committee for the holes completed. Following groups, will be “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front

**3. Procedure when group is “Out of Position”**

- i) A group “Out of Position” will be asked by the referee to get back into position within a specified time. Failure to do so may lead to players being individually timed.
- ii) If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be informed the group is out of position. At the referee’s discretion, each or any player will be subject to individual timings.

**4. Time allowed for a stroke**

i) The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- a) A tee shot on a par three hole
- b) An approach shot to the green
- c) A chip or putt.

ii) The time will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach his or her ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

iii) The time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.

iv) On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his or her ball, repair pitch marks and move loose impediments on his or her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the stroke.

**5. Timing ceases**

Timing ceases when a group is back in position. Players will be advised accordingly.

**6. Penalty for breach of Local Rule**

	1 Bad Time	2 Bad Times	3 Bad Times	4 Bad Times
<b>Stroke Play</b>	Verbal Warning	One Stroke Penalty	Two Penalty Strokes	Disqualification
<b>Match Play</b>	Verbal Warning	One Stroke Penalty	Loss of hole	Disqualification

**7. Procedure when again is “Out of Position” during same round**

If a group is subsequently out of position during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Previous bad times and penalties applied in the round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

**8. Individual timings without warning**

In addition to the above a player without notice may be individually timed (whether “In position” or not). If his time exceeds 60 seconds the player will incur a warning. Any future bad times will result in penalties being imposed as highlighted in clause 6 above.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards expected when participating in Spanish Golf Championships and Tournaments. You must ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these minimal standards at all times.

### 1. Code of Conduct

Breaches of the code of conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Care for the Course, for example:
  - i. Failure to repair pitch marks
  - ii. Not raking bunkers
  - iii. Not replacing divots
  - iv. Pulling trolleys onto or across teeing ground and/or putting greens.
- b) Foul and abusive language
- c) Abuse of clubs or the course
  - i. Throwing and/or braking clubs
  - ii. De-facing or damaging on course signage
  - iii. Damaging course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes, etc.
- d) Disrespect for other players, the Competition Committee, the referees or the spectators.
- e) Misuse of Social Media.
  - i. Disrespect for others or RFEG through any means of communication or social media platforms.
  - ii. Excessive use of social media during the round.
- f) Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game.
- g) Dress not according to the golf player.

### 2. Enforcement

The Committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 above:

First breach	Verbal Warning
Second breach	One Stroke Penalty
Third breach	General Penalty
Subsequent breach or any serious misconduct	Disqualification

#### Notes:

1. Any warnings or penalties applied under the code of conduct during a round will be carried forward for the remainder of the round and involvement in the Championship or Tournament.
2. Any breach of the conduct by the player's caddie will result in sanctions being imposed against the player.

### 3. Committee Decision is Final

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.