A. Pace Of Play Policy

The following conditions and policies will regulate Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf; Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play as defined by the Rules Committee:

1. In accordance with Rule 5.6, every player must not unreasonably delay play.

2. A time par sheet will be created by the Rules Committee to represent the approximate amount of time allotted for the first starting times of the day (lead groups) to finish each hole during each tournament round. The time par sheet will serve as a guideline for the Rules Committee to monitor the lead groups.

3. **"Out of Position":** Each player is responsible for maintaining their group's position in relation to the group in front of them. A group is considered "out of position" if a) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 3 before the preceding group has arrived at their second shots on the next hole and will not have to wait to play to the green/landing area, or b) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 4 before the preceding group has holed out, or c) all players have not hit second shots on a par 5 before the preceding group has holed out, (note: A reachable par 4/5 may be treated as a par 3/4) or d) a group is three (3) or more minutes behind the starting interval of the group directly in front of them.

4. **"Out of Position" for Lead Groups:** A lead group which is over its time par (as stated on the time par sheet) will be considered "out of position". However, a lead group which is under its time par, but holding up the group behind, may be subject to a warning and/or subsequent timing at the discretion of the Rules Official.

5. **One (1) Time Warning:** It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of their group's position on the course. A group that is out of position, or in the case of the lead group over its time par, will be issued one (1) warning per round by a Rules Official unless a Rules Official deems, at any time, the group to be so far out of position that a warning is not appropriate. Additionally, groups may be timed without receiving their warning if they are on the last three holes of their round. Once warned, the group will be given the opportunity on the following hole to improve its position in relation to the preceding group, or in the case of the lead group in relation to time par. If sufficient improvement is not made, the group may then be timed.

6. A Rules Official may notify the group immediately following a group to be timed when circumstances permit. However, it is every group's responsibility to maintain its position on the course in relation to the field. If a Rules Official is unable to notify the group immediately following a group to be timed, it will not preclude that group from being warned and/or timed if they fail to maintain their position on the course.

7. **Timing Begins:** Timing of a player officially begins when, at the discretion of the Rules Official, it is clearly the player's turn to play, and nothing interferes with their ability to play the stroke. Time taken for determining yardage, club selection, wind conditions, etc., will count against the player's overall time. On the putting green, timing begins after a player, at the discretion of a Rules Official, has had a reasonable amount of time to repair damage to the putting green and remove loose impediments on their line of play. Timing may begin before a player has replaced their ball on the putting green. Players timed for being out of position have an average of 30 seconds per stroke timed to complete the play of the hole. Putts of approximately two (2) feet or less that can be hit within ten (10) seconds or less may be considered tap-ins and would not affect a player's average time for that hole.

   Ten (10) additional seconds will be allotted to the first player in the group to:

   - Hit a tee shot on a par 3 or reachable par 4
   - Hit a second shot on a par 4 or par 5
   - Play a third stroke on a par 5
   - Play a stroke from off the green (Exception: Ten (10) additional seconds will not be allotted for the first player to make a stroke from off the putting green when a stroke has already been made from the putting green, and it is more likely than not that the player will be making their next stroke with a putter)
   - Play a stroke on the putting green

   Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a group when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification will count towards a player's overall average for a given hole. In instances where a group should be timed but the Rules Official is not present or is unable to determine the position of the group relative to the field, timing may begin with the second shot of the hole.

8. **Target Timing:** The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a player who is not helping to improve the groups' position on the course due to their actions and/or pace of play ("Target Timing"). Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a player when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification will count towards a player's overall average for a given hole.

9. **Penalties:** Penalties for breach of Rule 5.6 will be assessed if the player, while being timed by a Rules Official under Item A.7, exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by more than five (5) seconds. See Item B1. The only exception to Rule 5.6 would be an "extraordinary circumstance" as determined by the Rules Official.

10. **Excessive Shot Timing:** A Player is subject to being timed at any time during a round and for any stroke. Under Excessive Shot Timing, a Player is allowed a maximum of seventy (70) seconds to play a stroke, provided that, a Player who is first to play will receive an additional ten (10) seconds as outlined in Item A.7. A player will not be notified by a Rules Officials when they are being timed under this Item. When a group is being timed for being out of position under Item A.3 or A.4, individual Players in the group will not be timed under the Excessive Shot Timing.

11. **Excessive Shot Timing Violation:** A Player who exceeds 70 seconds, or if they are first to play as outlined in A7, 80 seconds, to play a stroke will be advised promptly that they have incurred an Excessive Shot Timing Violation. If the violation occurs for a stroke on or around the putting green, the Player will be notified after completion of the hole. A Player will receive one (1) Warning for an Excessive Shot Timing Violation per LPGA Tour season, prior to incurring a fine.

12. **On-Site Appeals:** A Player receiving a notification of an "accumulation plus time" or penalty may appeal to the Timing Appeals Committee. In the case of an "accumulation plus time", the player must appeal prior to the completion of the tournament in which they were issued the fine. In the case of a "plus time" resulting in a penalty, the Player must appeal prior to returning their scorecard. The Timing Appeals Committee will be composed of the tournament's Lead Official and the Rules Official who issued the plus time/penalty. If the Lead Official is the same official who issued the plus time/penalty, the most senior member of the tournament's Rules Committee will be the second member of the Timing Appeals Committee. Appeals are not accepted for Excessive Shot Timing violations.

    Note: No player may appeal a Plus Time and/or subsequent fine once the tournament has concluded.

13. Specific policies for timing unreasonable delay are determined by the Tournament Officials in consultation with the LPGA Player Directors.

B. Pace Of Play Rules and Fines

1. **A player being timed in a group which is out of position (Item A.3 or A.4) may be penalized for unreasonable delay if the player exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by more than 5 seconds**
    a. Player who exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by 1 – 5 seconds does not incur a penalty, but the "plus time" will be counted towards the player's accumulated season total which may result in additional fines
    b. Player exceeds the maximum time allowed by 6 – 15 seconds: One-stroke penalty
    c. Player exceeds the maximum time allowed by 16 or more seconds: General penalty (two-strokes/loss of hole)

	Example: Average time per stroke – 30 seconds			
Strokes Timed on Hole	Maximum Time Allowed	Accumulation Resulting in Fine	One-stroke Penalty	General Penalty (two-strokes/loss of hole)
3	90 Seconds	91 – 95 Seconds	96 – 105 Seconds	106 Seconds or more
4	120 Seconds	121 – 125 Seconds	126 – 135 Seconds	136 Seconds or more
5	150 Seconds	151 – 155 Seconds	156 – 165 Seconds	166 Seconds or more
6	180 Seconds	181 – 185 Seconds	186 – 195 Seconds	196 Seconds or more

2. **Penalties for breach of Rule 5.6**
    a. First and second offense in a round: Applicable penalty (see B.1)
    b. Third offense in a round: Disqualification

3. **Fines**
    a. The following applies for a Player who is timed under Item A.7 (timing begins).

    Fines for Players who accumulate plus times from +1 - +5, but do not incur penalty stroke(s):
        i. 3 plus times in the +1 - +5 category without a penalty stroke - $5,000
        ii. Every additional plus time without a penalty stroke – additional $2,500

    Note: Plus times from +1 - +5 are in addition to, and separate from, any penalty strokes incurred during a round and count towards the accumulated total of plus times.

Fines for Player's season-long aggregate number of holes timed:

i. Timed for 40 - 49 complete holes or more in a calendar year - $5,000
ii. Timed for 50 – 59 complete holes or more in a calendar year - $7,500
iii. Timed for 60 – 69 complete holes or more in a calendar year - $10,000
iv. Every additional ten (10) holes of timing in a calendar year – additional $2,500

Repeat Offenses: Any player who receives a fine under Section B.3a(2) of this policy in a calendar year will be subject to double the existing fine structure the following year. For each consecutive year beyond one year in which the player is subject to fines under the Pace of Play Policy, the fine amount will continue to double from the previous year. In addition, habitually slow players may be subject to additional requirements under Penalties, Appeals, Review and Dispute Resolution Policy (in the Sporting Regulations), including but limited to an education program or other requirements. If a Player receives a fine under Section B.3a(2) of the Pace of Play Policy in a calendar year and does not receive a fine the subsequent year, their fine structure will revert to the standard fine structure under this portion of the Pace of Play Policy.

b. The following applies for a Player who incurs a Violation under Item A.10 (Excessive Shot Timing) above: A Player will receive a maximum of one (1) Warning for an Excessive Shot Timing Violation per LPGA Tour season, prior to incurring a fine. After a Player receives their one (1) Excessive Shot Timing Violation warning, they will be subject to the below fine structure for the remainder of the season:

i. First violation – Fine of $1,000
ii. Second violation – Fine of $2,000
iii. Third violation – Fine of $4,000
iv. Fourth and subsequent violations – Fine of $5,000

In addition to the individual Violation fines listed above, a Player who incurs a total of ten (10) Excessive Shot Timing Violations (including Violations resulting in a Warning) during the same LPGA season will incur an additional fine of $5,000.