



2026 THAILAND PGA TOUR PACE OF PLAY POLICY

1. **Excessive Time Shot (EST).** Even if a group is in position before Monitoring or Timing, if a player takes more than 70 seconds for first to play or takes 60 seconds for the second or third to play, the player will get **EST** penalty. If the group is Out of Position at this time, the group will thereafter be Monitored but the player will be Timed.
2. **Out of Position.** If the first group goes over the Time Allowed, they will be considered as being Out of Position. Any following group will be Out of Position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the Time Allowed for the number of holes completed.
While the above is the strict definition, for additional guidance a group will likely be out of position if it:
 - (a) Reaches a Par 3 that is clear of play and all players in the group ahead have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole.
 - (b) Reaches a Par 4 that becomes clear of play before all players in the group have played their strokes from the teeing area.
 - (c) Is approximately 100 yards (or less) off the tee when the group ahead clears play of the hole on a reachable Par 5.
 - (d) Has not reached their tee shots when the group ahead clears playoff the hole on an unreachable Par 5.If a ruling, ball search or another legitimate delay occurs, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.
3. **Warning.** If a group is Out of Position, all players in the group should be **warned** by a Referee. The group will then be given a chance to improve on the Pace of Play in one or two holes.
4. **Monitoring**
When Monitoring Starts
 - a. A group which is Out of Position that consist of a player who has had an EST.
 - b. A group that fails to gain any time or loses further time after being warned, or
 - c. Any group that becomes significantly Out of Position for any reason whatsoever, even without prior warning.A group will continue to be Monitored until it has regained its position.
5. **Timing**
When Timing Starts
 - a. The player who has had an EST whose group is Out of Position.
 - b. A group that fails to gain any time or loses time after one or a few consecutive holes of Monitoring.
 - c. In a round, a group that has regained position after being monitored and again falls Out of Position, will be Timed instead of being again Monitored.
 - d. If it becomes apparent during the Monitoring that one or two players of the group are not making any contribution to improving the group's overall pace of play, Timing may apply only to them while the other player(s) remain Monitored.
 - e. A player who, during a round records two individual timings during Monitoring that exceeds the Time Allowed but within 10% (41-44 & 51-55 seconds) be Timed Officially.
 - f. A player during Monitoring who has had a Bad Time will thereafter, be Timed Officially.
6. **Informing the Group and the Following Group Behind.**
 - a. The Referee will inform all the players in the group before he starts Monitoring or Timing; but not necessarily when he or she stops Monitoring or Timing.
 - b. When a group or individual(s) are subject to Monitoring or Timing, every effort will be made to inform the following group behind but this is not mandatory and each player is obliged to know the relative position of his own group.
The following group behind which fails to maintain position will almost certainly be subject to Monitoring or Timing.
7. **Time Out:** On **only one** occasion in a **tournament**, a Player may, during Monitoring or Timing request from the Referee for a Time Out which is a time extension of an extra 30 seconds provided this request is made before the expiration of the time allowed for the stroke.
8. **Bad Time.** The **Time Allowed** for each stroke is 40 seconds, except the first player to play a stroke on Par 3 tee, an approach shot or chipping or putting will have 50 seconds.
 - a. A player who exceeds 10% of the time allowed (45 & 56 seconds and above) will be assessed a Bad Time.
 - b. A player who has 3 individual timings that exceeds the Time Allowed but within 10% (41-44 & 51-55 seconds) during Monitoring or Timing will incur a Bad Time.



9. **Appeal** on EST, Timing and Bad Time: A player has 30 minutes after finishing his round to appeal to the Tournament Director.

10. CATEGORIES OF FINES AND PENALTIES

A. Stroke Penalty for Bad Times in the Same Tournament

1st Bad Time: Warning by the Referee. 2nd Bad Time: 1 stroke penalty. 3rd Bad Time: 2 strokes penalty. 4th Bad Time: Disqualification. Bad Time is carried forward to the remainder of the tournament and the season.

B. Fine for Multiple EST (Excessive Shot Times) in a Season

2,000.00 Baht on a 2nd EST above during the season. This fine is increased in increments of 1,000.00 Baht on each occasion that a player has a subsequent EST.

C. Fine for Multiple Bad Times in a Season

A fine of 2,000.00 Baht will be levied when a player is assessed his 2nd Bad Time during the season. This fine is increased in increments of 2,000.00 Baht on each occasion that a player has a subsequent Bad Time.

D. Fine for Multiple Timing Sessions in A Season

In this category, only sessions of official Timing are recorded but not Monitoring timings.

If you are officially Timed on the 5th occasion during the season, you will be fined 2,000.00 Baht. A player reaching 7th official Timing will be fined 3,000.00 Baht, 9th occasion 4,000.00 Baht, 11th 5,000.00 Baht, 13th 6,000.00 Baht, 15th 7,000.00 Baht, and thereafter a fine of 1,000.00 Baht more than the previous fine for each subsequent session of official Timing.

For full details, please refer to the Pace of Play Policy 2026 in the Thailand PGA Tournament Regulations.