

## Officiating 101 Timing a Player Lesson Summary

### What Timing Officials Do

- √ Determine when a group is **out of position**.
- √ **Time each stroke** made by each player in the out-of-position group.

### Timing Players

- √ **When do I start timing if the player is on the putting green?**  
Start timing a player's stroke after the player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to:
  - mark, lift, clean and replace the ball
  - repair ball marks
  - remove loose impediments on the line of putt

What if the player spends time looking at the line beyond the hole and behind the ball? That counts as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

- √ **When do I start timing if the player is not on the putting green?**  
The player could be: on the tee, the fairway, the rough, a hazard or bunker, or the fringe of the putting green. Start timing the player's stroke when:
  - it's her turn to play, *and*
  - she can play without interference or distraction.

What if the player spends time determining yardage? That counts as time taken for the next stroke.

### Time Allowed to Play a Stroke

- √ A player is permitted **40 seconds** to play a stroke.
- √ The **first player** to play gets **an extra 20 seconds** (for a total of 60 seconds) in five special situations.
  - a stroke on a par-3 hole,
  - a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole,
  - a third stroke on a par-5 hole,
  - a stroke around the putting green, and
  - a stroke on the putting green.
- √ If any player in a timed group **goes over the allotted time** to play a stroke, a Rules Rover will let the player know as soon as possible.



## **How to Record Times**

The Timing Worksheet provides you with a chart where you can accurately record timing data.