



## Rules of Golf – Late to the tee

Punctuality is very important at the golf course.

It is necessary to arrive at least 10 to 15 minutes before the tee time to ensure that you all start efficiently.

Respect for other golfers is a foundational principle of golf etiquette and is essential for fostering a positive and enjoyable atmosphere on the course.

## Règles de Golf – En retard au départ

La ponctualité est un élément très important sur le parcours de golf.

Il est nécessaire d'arriver au moins 10 à 15 minutes avant l'heure de départ pour vous assurer de démarrer tous efficacement.

Le respect des autres golfeurs est un principe fondamental de l'étiquette du golf et est essentiel pour favoriser une atmosphère positive et agréable sur le parcours.

R&A

Rule 5.3a

When to Start Round

A player's round starts when the player makes a stroke to start their first hole (see [Rule 6.1a](#)).

The player must start at (and not before) their starting time:

- This means that the player must be **ready to play** at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.
- A starting time set by the Committee is treated as an exact time (for example, 9 am means 9:00:00 am, not any time until 9:01 am).

If the starting time is delayed for any reason (such as weather, slow play of other groups or the need for a ruling by a referee), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group is able to start.

### Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.3a:

**Disqualification, except** in these three cases:

- **Exception 1 – Player Arrives at Starting Point, Ready to Play, No More Than Five Minutes Late:** The player gets the **general penalty** applied to their first hole.
- **Exception 2 – Player Starts No More Than Five Minutes Early:** The player gets the **general penalty** applied to their first hole.
- **Exception 3 – Committee Decides that Exceptional Circumstances Prevented Player from Starting on Time:** There is no breach of this Rule and no penalty.

Clarifications:

**Ready to play** means the player must have a ball and club.