

Shot Clock Masters

Field:

120 players

Format:

- 72 holes strokeplay with a cut to the leading 65 professionals and ties after 36 holes.

Shot Clock conditions of play:

- Each group will be accompanied by a referee on a buggy who will time every shot played by each player in each 18-hole round.
- The Official European Tour shot time allowances will be in force: -
 - **50 second allowance** for a “first to play approach shot (including par 3 tee shot), chip or putt”
 - **40 seconds allowance** for a tee shot on a par 4 or par 5 or second or third to play approach shot, chip or putt”.

- On each occasion that a player fails to hit his shot within the above time limits, he will incur a “bad time” resulting in a **1 shot penalty** being added to his score for the hole in question.
- Each player can call a “time-out” up to twice in any one round.

This time-out can be called at any point during a player’s preparation for a shot, up until he plays his shot and will allow the player **double** the above allowances to play the shot in question.

- The referee will determine when the shot clock will start on each shot and will announce this moment to the player. It will stop at the exact moment that the player strikes the ball.
- If the referee determines that the player has had to stop his shot preparation due to a significant external distraction or in the event that the shot becomes dangerous to a 3rd party, he has the power to stop the clock and re-start it once the player has returned to the moment in his preparation when the clock was first stopped.
- If a player requires a ruling, this will be dealt with prior to the commencement of the shot clock.
- The referee is the final arbiter and his decision is final.
- Should any eventuality not be covered by the above conditions of play, the referee’s decision will stand and where applicable, it will set a precedent.