



SLOW PLAY POLICY

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Administration of the Slow Play Policy:

The slow play policy is to be administered by the Board of Directors and General Manager for all competitions. The General Manager, President, Captain and all proshop staff may act on personal observation or complaints from members.

Responsibility of all players All players must maintain their place in the field. The place in the field is immediately behind the group in front, not ahead of the group behind.

Slow Play Defined For the purpose of this policy, slow play is defined as loss of place in the field (effectively 14 minutes behind the group in front) and does not close the gap within a reasonable time or fails to call the following group through. An automatic two stroke penalty will be imposed on each player in the group if a group loses two places in the field (effectively 21 minutes behind the group in front) and does not immediately close the gap by proceeding immediately to the next hole (where appropriate).

Penalties for slow play:

- Verbal warning as appropriate but not a pre-requisite for stronger action.
- Written warnings to the entire group with no further action.
- Without a warning letter as a prerequisite, a two-stroke penalty will be imposed as the default outcome for slow play (as defined above) General Manager, Captain, President or any proshop staff can enforce this. The general rule is for the action to be taken against the entire group and not the individuals.
- On imposition of a two-stroke penalty, a further letter may be sent to all members of the group warning that in the event of any further transgression.
- Further actions for ongoing transgression to include, but not be limited to, requiring individuals to play at the end of the field, being restricted to play outside competition times.

We would like to remind all members that the low marker in the group is responsible for observance of etiquette within the group, including slow play. Your support of the low marker in this regard is appreciated.

What can you do?

- Ensure that every player takes responsibility for their pace of play and complies with this policy.
- Ensure you are always aware of your place in the field!

- It is the responsibility of all members to be proactive in addressing the slow play problem within our club. You can help by:
- Being ready to play at least 15 minutes before the scheduled tee off time.
- Walking briskly between shots.
- Playing when ready (except in match-play) even if it is not your turn to play provided you can do so safely and without prejudicing the play of your fellow competitors.
- Not leaving your golf bag at the front of a green; always leave it to the side nearest the next tee.
- Continuing to putt out, unless you will be standing on another player's line.
- Allowing short hitters to tee off first.
- Not insisting on applying the "honour" system to play.
- Call the following group through if you lose one place in the field and can't make it up within 1-2 holes.
- Not marking your score while on the green. Score should be marked on tees while other players are hitting.
- Leaving the putting green after the group has finished the hole and not retrying putts or practice putting.
- Any group that is unduly delaying a following group must let the following group through if asked to do so.
- If you are held up during your round because a group in front fails to adhere to the Slow Play Policy, you should report the group to the Match Committee/General Manager or Office.
- Cart users should be particularly aware of the extra time taken in sharing a cart and look for ways to speed up play, for example, move ahead of walkers to look for possibly lost balls, try to position the cart for easy access when leaving the green to reduce the number of times that you must get in and out. Remember, always your place in the field is immediately behind the group in front