

COUNTERING SLOW PLAY

ACTIONS BY THE CLUB

Height of the rough

The rough will be cut to 2.5 inches (2 inches if it can be achieved without scalping) and is being thinned out in some areas. The fescue on the humps to the right of 5th will be trimmed.

Carries

These are being shortened on the 5th, 8th and 17th. Possibly also the 1st after drainage work has been carried out.

Marshalling

Marshalling will be more obvious and will include sampling of time being taken. If it becomes apparent over a period of weeks that certain groups or players are consistently falling behind they will be contacted and encouraged to improve their speed of play.

Tee Booking Slots

10 minute slots in the summer when the golfing day is longer.

Yardage markers

The 150 yard posts are being re-instated.

Visitors

Visitors, guests , societies and visiting teams will all be made aware of their responsibility to combat slow play.

Future Possibilities

It has been shown in studies that to get the most enjoyment from a round the optimum course length for a player is 27x their average drive e.g.an average drive of 200 yards means the optimum course length is 5400 yards – which (co-incidentally) is the length of our course from the red tees.

The course has been measured and rated from all tees, so it is possible to envisage a situation where individuals within the same group might be playing from different tees using suitably adjusted playing handicaps.

TEN PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Arrive punctually at the first tee.

2. Walk briskly to your ball and play “ready golf” wherever possible, for example:

- think about your next shot as you walk to the ball
- line up your putt while others are putting.
- let shorter hitters go first if longer hitters are having to wait.

3. Get a line on wayward shots and do the same for your playing partners.

4. Observe the 3 minute searching rule.

5. In friendly games, finish short putts rather than marking, lifting and waiting.

6. Mark cards on the next tee, not on the green.

7. Pick up if you are out of the hole.

8. Leave your bag or trolley so it can be collected directly on the way to the next tee.

9. Be aware of your position on the course relative to the groups ahead and behind. If you have lost a hole either speed up or let the group behind play through.

10. Be gracious if asked to speed up.