

Dear Members,

Slow Play Policy

Slow play is one of the main factors people stop playing golf.

It is up to every member to help ensure that this does not become a problem at Nelson Bay Golf Club.

First step in the process is:

- All players must register in the pro shop 15min prior to their allocated tee time. This includes paying for your golf and any drinks or snacks so that while you are waiting to tee off, your group could get a call up early to assist with slow play.
- If your group gets called early and a player is late to the tee that player will be asked to catch up and unfortunately must take a wipe on the holes they have to catch up on.
- If your group is not ready and the group behind is ready to play, then that group will be asked to tee off before your group.

Second Step in the process:

- While playing your round please ensure you keep up with the group in front of you.
- If you notice you are falling behind, get players to tee off while others are finishing putting on the green.
- Play ready golf where whoever gets to their ball first regardless of whether their ball is ahead of another playing partner they hit and do not wait for others to get to their ball.

Third step in the process:

- All members must take responsibility for slow play. Slow play affects everyone that is playing behind you.
- If you are in a group that notices a group falling behind, then “politely and respectfully” have a word to suggest to that group that they are falling behind.
- All groups need to take this quiet word as a method of helping them realise what is occurring. It is not an attack on your ability or you as a person.
- Then and only then should you need to contact the pro-shop if the group that is falling behind continues to fall behind or does not take kindly to the suggestion that the group is falling behind.
- If the group that has been spoken to about slow play thinks it was not in a polite and respectful manner, then this needs to be reported to the Club.

Being a member of a golf club comes with responsibility and one of those responsibilities is to assist with slow play.

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After years of research, it is proven that a slow-paced policy needs to be in place to bring change. Golf Course Marshalls will assist in slow play but is not a complete solution.

At Nelson Bay Golf Club the following policy is in place:

Round Times

The round times are recorded in Mi Score from the time that the 1st player in the group submits their scorecard on the app or through the scanners in the Clubhouse.

The main thing to look at is how far you finish behind the group in front of you.

If a group fails to finish within **15mins** of the group in front all players in the group will receive a written warning.

1st Offence -

Written warning from the club

2nd Offence (In the same month/30 day period) -

1 week suspension from competition play starting from the day of notification of the 2nd offence

Repeat offenders to face disciplinary action from Board of Directors.

Improving slow play at Nelson Bay Golf Club will improve the experience for all our members and golfers using our course.

Implemented by the Match Committee and effective from Friday 10th of February, 2023.

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