

Slow Play

Despite extra marshalling and other features, slow play is still a disease in the Hewitt. Because of failure by earlier matches to maintain a reasonable pace, the last matches out can be ruined, played in near darkness or forced to finish the day after. This really must stop. Whilst not intended, slow play is extremely selfish!

The Committee, whilst still resisting, for the time being at least, the imposition of penalties has determined a number of matters:

- Richard Stocks (Tonbridge) is Chief Marshall and will manage slow play marshals.
- Marshals have the full authority of the Committee and must be respected. They will intervene where they see slow play or gaps and decide when to apply call-up procedures (see below).
- Radios will be issued to all marshals.
- Target times of 1 ½ hours and 2 hours will apply to the huts at Deal and Sandwich respectively. Matches will be monitored against these targets.
- Call-up procedure will operate, when appropriate, on the 3rd 5th and 6th holes at Deal and the 4th and 7th at Sandwich. Marshals will determine this dependant on wind conditions, delays etc. Players on greens will mark and stand aside allowing the following match to play shots to the green. Balls if then interfering may be marked.
- If an overall match is decided the remaining, undecided individual matches are *encouraged* to call a half. However, if players feel it is equitable and reasonable to continue to a finish they may do so, *provided* there is no risk of holding up or disturbing a following live match and they will have no standing..
- Players should play as soon as the shot can be taken *without* waiting to confer with their partners.
- Players must play provisional balls if there is a possibility of a lost ball. They must call the following match through immediately.
- Disputes as to the Rules of Golf shall be determined, without delay, by the players themselves. Marshals and the Clubs' professionals have no authority to give rulings. If in doubt players shall apply the principles of Hewitt fair play and common sense. Only the President, the Hon Secretary and the Chief Marshall may be approached for rulings and then as a last resort.
- A notice will be posted at the huts giving players access priority but if the next tee is clear players must play on..