

CHIANG MAI SOCIAL GOLFERS

SLOW PLAY

There have been a number of complaints made by members to Course Captains and previous Committees regarding the slow play of some members.

There has been some very good work done by some in the actual timing of players as a result of these complaints.

The result of this work shows time to play shots has been well within the rules of golf as per the R&A and the UGPGA, that is within the 40 second rule.

Timing has shown that these players have actually been well within the rules of golf. Therefore those players spoken to about slow play have not been treated fairly.

We must all remember that our perceptions of slow play must alter to allow members to play their natural game as long as they are staying within the rules of golf. Many of us have our own routines playing golf that make us feel more comfortable for whatever reason. None of these routines is wrong and should be respected by others.

Having said this, there are often groups that fall behind for various reasons.

If you are in a group that you feel is falling behind it is possible to make some time up by –

- Having two players who are marking each others cards to putt out first where possible and proceed to the next tee and hit off.
- Walking to your next shot more quickly and getting ready to play shot while others are hitting, where possible.
- Playing ready golf as per the new rules, that is if you are ready and at your ball and a player behind is not ready you can play your shot. This particularly applies to those in carts who are playing with others who are walking.

It is surprising how quickly you make up time by taking these very easy steps without affecting your normal game.

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