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To all Members of the Roseville Golf Club,

It has been over two years since we adopted our 'Slow Play Policy', and its success speaks for itself. Occasionally, the rules committee must assess a penalty to a group that has exceeded the allotted time, and this is the subject of my advisory.

The rules committee doesn't like to assess a penalty any more than players like to receive one. However, to maintain the integrity of the rule and continue to play our rounds within reasonable time limits, it must be assessed when the rule has been violated. With that said, we have also given you a right to state your case and have the circumstances that caused your slow play reviewed.

The policy states, **"Any imposed penalty may be appealed to the Rules Committee"**.

The group as a whole or any 1 of the 4 players individually has the right to appeal. The few appeals that have been heard have not cited circumstances that would warrant a lifting of the penalty. The reasons should be specific to be considered. "Everybody knows he is slow" and "The conditions were not good, and we had problems" is not sufficient.

If we are honest, slow play for a group can often be attributed to one slow player. While this is not the only cause, it is the most common. Unfortunately, we are not often willing to confront that player publicly. If other members of the group wish to have waiving of a penalty considered, they must unite, name a name and relate what they did in an attempt to solve the problem while out on the course. If the arguments are valid, penalties will only be assessed on the offending player(s). If the problem was not due to one player, the specific circumstances causing the delay should be reported. Keep in mind that problems (lost balls, penalty actions, relief situations) that cause time delays prior to the 17th or 18th hole can almost always be made up by stepping up the pace.

Making you aware of the rules and making you aware of your rights under the rules is the goal of your committee. We hope this helps.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 916-791-2457 or e-mail me at freidaa@aol.com.

Par The Course,

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