



Motorised Buggy User Policy

Introduction

- It is acknowledged that the Club has a duty of care to provide adequate safe means of access to golfers including those suffering a disability within the meaning of section 6 of The Equality Act 2010. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use buggies.
- Moreover, the Club acknowledge that it must ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use motorised buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective motorised buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.
- The purpose of this document is to establish the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for the use of motorised buggies.

Disclaimer

- Members or visitors wishing to hire or use a motorised buggy will be required to read this Policy document and the CGC Motorised Buggy Safety Policy documents.
- Before being allowed to use a buggy members or visitors are required to sign the CGC Motorised Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form confirming they have read and understood the terms and conditions of the aforementioned documents.

Indemnity

- Members who own or operate their own private motorised buggy must submit a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability cover each year when renewing their membership. A copy of the insurance certificate will be retained by the Club Manager.
- Likewise, any visitor bringing their own private motorised buggy must provide a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability cover before the use of the buggy on the course will be permitted. A copy of the insurance certificate will be retained for the duration in the Pro Shop or by the Club Manager.
- The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a motorised buggy by its servants or agents.
- The Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of motorised buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the club car-parks other than those operated by its servants or agents.

Qualifications

- All motorised buggy drivers must be over the age of 16 years.
- Use of a motorised buggy will not be allowed unless authorised by the Club and will be restricted to members and visitors demonstrably having a genuine incapacity to play golf unless aided by use of a buggy. (See also `Use in General Play and Competitions` below).
- Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a motorised buggy is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training, and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.
- The safe operation of motorised buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.
- Motorised buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents:
 - CGC Motorised Buggy User Policy document
 - CGC Motorised Buggy Safety Policy document (H&S Risk Assessment - Appendices C&D)
 - CGC Motorised Buggy User Policy Acknowledgement Form
- In order that these conditions can in practice be met, the Club Manager or delegated official must whenever possible be given prior notice of a requirement by a member or visitor to use a motorised buggy. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if all the conditions stipulated are not complied with.
- The Club also reserves the right to withdraw authorisation if the medical condition or disability necessitating the use of a motorised buggy ceases, or the conditions for its use are not fully complied with.
- From time to time the Club staff may determine that the state of the course or the weather is such that safety on, or the condition of the course may be unacceptably compromised if a motorised buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course.

Use in General Play & Competitions

- During general (non-competition) play a motorised buggy shall only be used by members and visitors authorised to do so.
- Motorised buggies may be used during closed and open competitions by those suffering from a disability within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Legislation.



Conditions of Use

- Motorised buggies are on all occasions, to be used sensibly; should never be taken onto tees, greens or in the areas between bunkers and the greens.
- The vehicle must not be used within two metres of any bunkers, ditches or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges.
- Where paths are available on the course, they must always be used and where there are no paths, buggy users are required to travel tee to green off the fairways and in the rough wherever possible.
- A motorised buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
- The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using the motorised buggy is strictly forbidden.
- Motorised buggies users should never allow underage users to drive the vehicle.
- Motorised buggies must always be operated in compliance with the common rules of the road and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with other golfers or pedestrian/vehicular flow on roadways, ramps, or pavements.
- For security reasons if the vehicle is left unattended prior to it being returned to the Club the parking brake should always be engaged and the key removed.
- After use motorised buggies should be returned to the designated parking area, the parking brake engaged, and the operating key turned to the off position. The operating key should then be removed and returned it to the Club shop.
- Motorised buggy users will be responsible for the security of vehicle and the ignition key for the period of authorised use until the buggy is returned and inspected by the Club Manager or delegated official.
- The Club Manager or delegated official have the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a motorised buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Captains Committee.