

H&S Risk Assessment - Appendix C

Motorised Buggy Safety Policy

- 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.
- To assist the safe use of motorised buggies all users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:
 1. Motorised buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be always afforded the right-of-way.
 2. The signs and instructions displayed on the course to warn buggy riders of potential dangers or, areas forbidden to motorised buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be always followed and complied with.
 3. 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.
 4. The vehicle must not be used within two metres of any bunkers, ditches or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges.
 5. 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.
 6. Drivers should not move motorised buggies until occupants are seated.
 7. Before reversing drivers should always check the area behind the vehicle.
 8. Hands, feet, and head must always be kept inside the buggy and occupants should always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
 9. Motorised buggies should only be driven as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow and drivers should always slow down before corners and execute turns with care at reduced speed.
 10. Drivers should avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
 11. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
 12. Motorised buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.