

BUGGY POLICY

Use of Ride-on Buggies on the Golf Course

Introduction

Due to disability, some members, visitors and guests may not be able to play golf without the help provided by a motorised buggy. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all buggies operated on the course at the Glamorganshire Golf Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for buggy use.

- Prospective buggy owners must apply to the General Committee to use a privately owned buggy on the course. Applicants must also produce a Medical Certificate to confirm infirmity.
- Buggy owners may not allow the use of their buggies by a non-approved user without the approval of the General Manager.
- A Buggy Policy Acknowledgement Form must be signed by all Buggy Owners who store their vehicles at the Club.
- Members and visitors who are Registered Disabled are automatically authorised to use a buggy on the course (subject to safety restrictions which may be imposed if weather or course conditions are unfavourable).
- Members will be issued with designated buggy routes if some holes or parts of the course are open to the Registered Disabled.
- The Buggy sheds are owned by the members who pay an annual ground rent to the Club. Shed owners must inform the General Manager if they intend to relinquish their plot. In such circumstances, the members may only sell their sheds and their buggies to another member whose name is on the Waiting List kept by the General Manager. Members on the waiting list must respond to any invitations to take up a space within 14 days of the invitation sent.

Qualifications:

Any person who operates a buggy on the golf course 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 buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

Buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents:

- Golf Buggy Safety Policy
- Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice
- Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form.

In order that these conditions can in practice be met, the General Manager or his / her approved nominee must whenever possible be given prior notice of a requirement by a member, visitor or guest to use a buggy. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not 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 buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include waterlogging, frost, etc. Where such conditions arise the club will review the situation regularly.

Use in General Play and Competitions

During general (non-competition) play, a buggy may be used by both disabled and able-bodied members, visitors and guests.

Buggies may be used during closed and open competitions.