



GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY

The Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club Use of Ride-on Buggies on the Golf Course

DUTY OF CARE

Due to disability, some members, visitors and guests may not be able to play golf without the help provided by a motorised ride-on buggy

The club has a duty of care to its employees and all users of the golf course. Caution and care must be shown by all users of buggies. The Club must also ensure adequate safe means of access for all golfers as well as those given permission to use buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of the majority of golfers who do not use buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use. The Clubs duty of care also applies to any members of the public who may be on the course. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all ride-on buggies operated on the course at The Southport & Ainsdale 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.

Conditions of Use

To ensure the safe use of buggies, all users are required to comply with the following conditions:-

- Use of a ride-on buggy will not be allowed unless authorised by the Club and will be restricted to members, visitors and guests demonstrably having a genuine incapacity to play golf unless aided by the use of the buggy, (also see, `Use in General Play and Competitions` below) and those who have paid the APPROPRIATE hire charge.
- Buggies may only be used by those authorised by S&A so to do
- Buggies must be operated with the utmost common sense, courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
- Users will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is in use in their care and on Club property.
- Any signs and instructions used to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas in which buggies must not be used because of the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course must be complied with at all times.
- S&A has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the Club car parks other than those operated by their servants or agents. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that from the negligent use of a buggy by their servants or agents.
- Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by the Club.

Buggy Safe Working Practice

Before Use

All users must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form (below) before they are allowed to drive a buggy at S&A. This can be signed and sent back to us before the day of play or on the day itself. All users must ensure that they are familiar with the buggy controls and constrains on buggy use.

During Use

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A buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by those who are authorised to do so by S&A

Users must:-

- Be satisfied that the buggy is well maintained and fully serviceable
- Not move off until the occupants are seated
- Always remain seated with hands, feet and head kept inside the buggy at all times while the buggy is in motion.
- Not drive buggies in prohibited areas
- Use the buggy to progress the game by driving it in the direction of play.
- Keep the buggy on pathways or closely mown grass.
- Must not drive the buggy in tight circles or into the rough or semi-rough even when looking for golf balls.
- Not use the buggy on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them.
- Not use the buggy within 2 metres of any bunkers, ditches or slopes leading to them.
- Check the area behind the buggy before reversing
- Apply the parking break before leaving the buggy
- Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as environmental factors that may affect the user's ability to operate the buggy safely
- Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
- To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes
- Slow down before corners.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
- Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy
- No ride-on buggy will be operated in excess of 15km per hour. All speed limits must be observed.
- Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
- Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common` rules of the road` regardless of whether ride-on buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
- Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs is not permitted when using the ride-on buggy.
- Never allow children to drive the ride-on buggy unsupervised by an adult.
- The Secretary/Manager has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Club.

After Use

After use, the buggy should be parked in front of the Pro Shop, the parking brake engaged, the operating key turned to the off position.

In order that these conditions can in practice be met, the Club Secretary/Manager or their approved nominee must whenever possible be given prior notice of a requirement by a member, visitor or guest to use a ride-on buggy. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of 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 ride-on 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 ride-on 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 on at least a twice daily basis.

Use in General Play and Competitions

During general (non-competition) play a ride-on buggy shall only be used by disabled members, visitors and guests authorised to do so.

Ride-on buggies may be used during closed and open competitions by those suffering from a disability within the meaning of section 6 of The Equality Act 2010

Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form

All golfers must complete this form prior to using a Golf Buggy (“Buggy”)

Any person/s who accept the privilege of operating a buggy at S&A are required in so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to operate the buggy safely and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

The safe operation of buggies requires responsible application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

Name of User

Address:

By signing below I acknowledge that:

- I have read and understand S&A’s Buggy Safe Working Practice
- I understand the terms and conditions of S&A’s Buggy Safety Policy
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Practice and Policy
- I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a buggy
- I will ensure that the buggy will be used in accordance with the S&A Buggy Safety Policy
- I confirm that I have a current and valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties. I also confirm I have a current and valid driving licence.
- I agree to indemnify S&A against all claims costs and demands made against S&A arising out of or in connection with the use of the golf buggy

Signature of user.....

Signature of Club Official.....Date.....

Name..... Position.....

Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. S&A will not accept any liability for any loss or damage to the golf buggy or any other property other than arising from the negligence of the Club or any of its servants or agents

Paul Ryan
Chairman
23 January 2015

Hole	Par	Routes	Description	Risk				
1	3	Path from tee to back of green Path to next tee						
2	5	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground	Incline/decline when moving to the next tee				
3	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee		Step decline from tee down to the fairway				

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4	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground						
5	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground	Inclined slope to tee					
6	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground						
7	5	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Undulating Fairway	Undulating fairway drive slowly					
8	3	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Green on hill	Buggies to stay a bottom of slope					
9		Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground						
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11	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground						
12	4	Path to fairway	Flat ground						
13	3	Path to next tee	Flat ground						
14	4	Path to fairway	Flat ground	Sleepers over ditch narrow					
15	4	Path to next tee	Flat ground						
16	5	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground	Path either side of Gumleys sand hill					
17	4	Path to fairway/ Path to next tee	Flat ground	Incline/decline when moving to the next tee					
18	4	Path to fairway/ Path to club house	Undulating Fairway						



Checklist for users of Ride-on Buggies

Know the controls and how to use them

- Ignition switch and immobiliser key
- Accelerator
- Footbrake
- Parking brake – Set the brake before leaving the ride-on buggy
- Reversing Control

Know your driving conditions

Ride-on buggies can only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and by those authorised to do so

Ride-on buggies must not be used on the areas of the course where prohibitive signs are placed.

The vehicle must not be driven up and down the course when looking for golf balls

The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or slopes leading up to them

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The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or slopes leading up to them
The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of or, on the slopes leading to any bunkers, ponds or ditches (except when crossing designated bridges)
Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions, as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely

- Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
- To avoid tipping over, drive buggies straight up and down slopes
- Slow down before corners.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
- Avoid sudden stops or change of direction that may result in loss of control



Problems on the course, please list here:-

MEDICAL FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S DOCTOR

I, Dr.....
 Of.....

 Certify that I have examined
 Of.....

I am of the opinion that he/she has a disability within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or any statutory modification thereof and is unable to play or has undue difficulty in playing golf without the use of a motorised ride-on golf buggy.

Signed:

Dated:

January 2015