

Policy on the Use of Golf Buggies.

1. Aim of Policy

1.1 This Policy is generally in line with the Transportation Policy referred to in the 2010 Conditions of Competition (Section B of the EGU Hard Card) for all English Golf Union (EGU) Championships. It sets out the circumstances in which golf buggies may be used in events organized and managed by Doncaster Golf Club; and satisfying the handicap rules laid out in CONGU.

2. Definitions

2.1 "Disability" shall have the same meaning as section 1 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. **A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.**

2.2 Any reference to "golf buggy" shall include any vehicle deemed to be a golf buggy by the Committee of Doncaster Golf Club.

3. Persons who may use a golf buggy

3.1 It shall be a condition of any competition organized by Doncaster Golf Club that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by the Committee, in accordance with this policy. The penalty for a breach of this condition on page 146 of the English edition of the 2008-11 Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

3.2 A golf buggy may be used by a player who has requested permission to use a golf buggy in writing from the committee before the competition they wish to enter.

3.3 The Committee may not without good reasons refuse a request for permission to use a golf buggy. Permission may be granted on a one off basis, limited period or open-ended dependant upon the medical condition of the requestor.

3.4 In cases where a member of the Committee refuses to permit the use of a golf buggy then they shall inform the player of the decision, the reasons for it in writing.

4. Conditions in which use of a golf buggy may not be permitted

4.1 In the event that the Greens chairman believes that for reasons of health and safety or course conditions a golf buggy should not be used by players at a particular time he/they may suspend the use of a golf buggies, and inform the player(s)

4.2 It will in any event be a requirement of any player or other third party granted permission to use a buggy to complete and sign a Transportation Policy Consent prior to use.

5. Conditions for use of golf buggies

5.1 A player, caddie or other third party permitted to use a golf buggy must agree to the following terms and conditions of use:

(a) Any person operating a golf buggy must do so with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of others and in accordance with any relevant golf buggy operating guidelines;

(b) A golf buggy shall be for the sole use of the player and his/her equipment, unless a member of the Committee has deemed that for reason of age or disability a third party is required to drive the golf buggy;

(c) A golf buggy must not impede or interfere with normal pedestrians or vehicular traffic flow on roadways, ramps and pavements;

(d) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must remain seated in the golf buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion;

(e) Drivers of golf buggies must comply with directional signs and not use prohibited areas including public highways and pavements;

(f) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must accept responsibility for any losses or injury sustained as a result of his or her fault whilst using a golf buggy; and

(g) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third person who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must have adequate personal and third party insurance and must provide a copy of the certificate of insurance to the committee prior to use.

5.2 Failure to agree to the terms and conditions contained in clause 5.1 by signing a Buggy Policy Consent Form may result in the player, caddie or other third party being denied permission to use a golf buggy.

Buggy Policy Consent Form

Your request to use a motorized buggy, on the course has been approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the buggy being used on the course, you must produce to the Club Secretary a policy of comprehensive insurance cover for the same including any accidents, injuries or damage. Changes of any nature regarding your insurance must be notified and fully informed of in writing to the Secretary. You must continue to maintain such insurance cover at all times of usage of the buggy and you are solely responsible for the renewal of / cover provided by the insurance policy.
2. The buggy must be used in a manner which will not cause danger to either yourself or other persons on the course, and in particular with due consideration for other golfers.
3. No buggies must be driven onto or within the fringed area of the greens or onto tees.
4. In order to minimize damage to the course or any part of it, this permission may be temporarily suspended after heavy rainfall or frost.
5. You agree to indemnify the Club against all losses, claims and costs arising directly or indirectly out of any act, omission or negligence resulting from your use of the buggy either on the course or any part of the Club's property.
6. No other person but yourself (the approved person) to use the buggy on the golf course.

Breach of any of the above conditions may result in this permission being revoked by the committee at any time without notice.

Malcolm Macphee
Honorary Secretary

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I agree to abide by the above conditions.

Signed.....

Print Name

Dated.....