

The Holyhead Golf Club Buggy Policy

1. The Holyhead Golf Club (the Club) has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by the user of a ride-on buggy. 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 has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use ride-on buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use.
2. Personal Golf Buggies on Club property are only for the use of those of pension age or who have mobility impairment and can produce a Doctors' Certificate. (Are you restricting hire only to pensioners, because otherwise you cannot say this this is discrimination?)
3. Single Seater, Privately Owned Ride on buggies - Use of a ride-on buggy will not be allowed unless authorised in advance by the Club and will be restricted to members and visitors demonstrably (up to date Certificate of Disability / Doctor's Certificate) having a genuine incapacity to play golf unless aided by the use of the buggy. These buggies are operated by their owners and the club accepts no liability for any damage or accidents caused by these buggies. The Club may require written confirmation from the buggy owner that the buggy is maintained and safe to use on the golf course.
4. Club Hired Buggies - The Club has a number of 2-seater buggies for hire by members and visitors. There are no restrictions on the use of such buggies in general play or in club competitions. (Didn't think you were allowed to use buggies in competitions check?).
5. Authorisation to operate a golf buggy is contingent on the possession of a valid driver's license, or the operator will be required to prove his / her ability to drive the buggy properly.
6. Golf buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right of way at all times.
7. Golf buggies must be operated in such manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic flow on roadways, ramps or car parks.
8. Golf buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that a golf buggy is assigned to them.
9. Golf buggies must be operated within the confines of the Golf Club only.
10. No golf buggy will be operated in excess of 15km per hour. All speed limits must be observed.
11. Golf buggies are intended for use only between dawn and dusk

Golf buggies must be operated in compliance with the common “rules of the road”.

13. Operators must stop buggies at all blind intersections and proceed with caution.

14. Buggy operators must not stop (bring a Golf Buggy to rest for any period of time) in the middle of roads and walkways.

15. Only golf buggies provided by the Club or those previously authorised by the Club Secretary Manager can be used at the Club.

16. Golf buggies must not be adapted in any way from the manufacturer’s design. Golf buggies must conform to the current CE standards.

18. All golf buggies used by the Club must be:

- 1) Maintained to the manufacturer’s service recommendations and records kept of the maintenance and
- 2) Assessed for risk by the Golf Clubs Secretary Manager. (What Risk?)

19. The Club Secretary Manager has the authority immediately to prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy.

20. Insurance - Members and visitors will be covered under the Club’s Insurances (public liability and personal accident), providing that all criteria and safety standards for the use of a buggy are met. (Check that you have enough liability insurance should be at least 5 x the number of individuals you have i.e. members)

21. Temporary Bans on the Use of Buggies. 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. In such conditions, the decision of the Chairman of Greens / Head Greenkeeper / Club Secretary Manager is final.

22. The Club 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 staff or agents. 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 ride-on buggy by their servants or agents. (You can’t say this if you are hiring them out, you automatically have liability because you own them and they are covered under your insurance, you also don’t sign any agreement when you hire them out)

23. The consumption of alcohol and / or the improper use of drugs when using a ride on buggy is strictly forbidden