



Southport Old Links Golf Club



Policy for the use of Ride-on Buggies on the Golf Course

Buggy Safety Policy

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the Golf Course, including pedestrians using any public right of way. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by all users of ride-on buggies. Electric buggies are preferred since they offer less exhaust contamination and wheel spin, whilst eliminating the risk of petrol spillage. To ensure the safety of all golf course users, buggy drivers and passengers are required to comply with the following conditions:

Who can use a Golf Buggy

1. Privately owned buggies may only be used with prior permission of the Club.
2. Members and Green fee paying visitors hiring Club buggies.
3. No person under the age of 18 may operate a buggy.

Where and When Buggies can be used

1. Any signs directing traffic movement must be strictly observed.
2. No buggy shall be driven on or near any tees, greens or bunkers.
3. Wet areas and ground under repair must be avoided.
4. The Club may prohibit the use of buggies when ground conditions are unsafe.
5. There are no restrictions on the use of buggies in Club competitions.

Safe use of a Golf Buggy

1. No more than 2 persons and 2 sets of Clubs shall be carried on a buggy. **
2. Drivers should be fully conversant with the controls of the buggy.
3. Brakes should be applied gently to avoid skidding.
4. No standing on a buggy while it is in motion.
5. Hands and feet must be kept inside the buggy at all times.
6. Caution must be exercised when reversing.
7. Caution must be exercised on all slopes and inclines.
8. Always apply the parking brake when leaving the buggy.
9. Drive no faster than the terrain allows. Buggy driving is not a race. Go at a steady pace.
10. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
11. Consumption of alcohol and / or the improper use of drugs when using a buggy is prohibited.

Insurance & Liability

1. Privately owned buggies must have comprehensive insurance cover and be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
2. Personal liability and personal accident insurance are provided by the Club to all paid-up members and green fee paying visitors hiring a Club buggy.
3. Buggy operators who have hired a buggy from the Club are responsible for the security of the vehicle during their hire period, and the return of keys thereafter.
4. The Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride-on buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the Club car parks other than those operated by their servants or agents.
5. The Club accepts 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.

** During Covid 19 restrictions. See Acknowledgment Form for additional Covid 19 regulations

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Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form

All Golfers must complete this form prior to operating a Golf Buggy

Any person who operates a Ride-on buggy on Southport Old Links Golf Club premises is deemed to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

The safe operation of Ride-on buggies require adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by the policy.

Name of User: _____

Address: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- I am competent to drive a golf buggy.
- I have read Southport Old Links Golf Club’s Buggy Safety Policy.
- I understand the terms and conditions of Southport Old Links Golf Club’s Golf Buggy Safety Policy.
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy.
- I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a Ride-on buggy.
- I will ensure that the buggy will be maintained and operated in accordance with Southport Old Links Golf Club’s Golf Buggy Safety Policy.
- I have passed the Office a copy of my valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties.
- I agree to indemnify Southport Old Links Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands made against Southport Old Links Golf Club arising out of or in connection with the use of the buggy.

COVID-19

- I understand that only 1 person is to use the Buggy for the duration of the round (unless 2 persons are from the same household, proof of this will be required).
- I agreed to sanitise the Buggy before and after the round with the equipment provided in the Buggy.
- I agree to follow all general COVID-19 protocols and protective control procedures put in place by Southport Old Links Golf Club.

Signature of User:

Date:

Signature of Office:

Date:

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