



## Hale Golf Club – Golf Buggy Policy

### The Use of Golf Buggies

#### *Introduction:*

Hale Golf Club has recognised that certain members and visitors struggle to play 9 or 18 holes of golf due to permanent or temporary disability. To help such members to continue to play golf we now have two four-wheeled double buggies available for use on the course. Members and visitors will also be able to use their own privately-owned buggy, provided they meet the criteria of our golf buggy policy. Please note that there are currently no storage facilities available for those members who purchase their own buggy.

#### *Use of a Golf Buggy in Competitions:*

In accordance with current English Golf Union policy, the use of golf buggies, including privately-owned golf buggies, will only be permitted in Club competitions when supported by a current Medical Exemption Certificate provided by a suitably qualified clinician.

**Those members wishing to use a buggy in Club competitions must obtain a letter stating their physical limitations from their Doctor, Physiotherapist, Osteopath or Chiropractor and lodge this with the Professional prior to booking the buggy. The required Medical Exemption Certification template and Safety Policy Acknowledgement forms can be obtained from the Professional or from the Club website.**

Note also that the member's playing partner will not be permitted to use the buggy unless they too possess a valid Medical Exemption Certificate.

#### *Use of a Golf Buggy in Social Play:*

There are members who may not satisfy the formal definition of "Disability" (Equalities Act 2010) but who struggle to play 9 or 18 holes, and would like to continue playing social golf. The Club are keen to encourage players to remain as active golfing members and supports the use of buggies in social play subject to adherence to the Club's Golf Buggy Safety Policy. Note that in the event of excess demand, priority will be given to those with a certified medical condition.

#### *Charges and Administration:*

The club buggies will be available for rental through the club professional. Bookings will need to be made in advance to ensure that the buggy batteries are fully charged.

<u>Rental Charges:</u>	Members:	9 holes £7.50;	18 holes £10
	Visitors & Guests:	9 holes £15;	18 holes £20

Use of a buggy on Hale Golf Course shall be subject to the terms and conditions articulated in the Club's Golf Buggy Policy. This is available through the Professional, the Greens Committee or on the Club's website.