

NORMANTON GOLF CLUB

GOLF CART AND RIDE ON BUGGY POLICY

All references in this document to Buggy/ies applies to Golf Carts, single seat ride on Buggies whether Club owned or privately owned.

Normanton Golf Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course, including pedestrians using the various Public Rights of Way which cross the course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and diligence must be exercised by all users of Buggies at all times. For the avoidance of doubt “the golf course” includes the actual golf course, driveways, car parking areas, practice ground and all ancillary areas.

The Directors and Club Professional have the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using, or being carried on a Buggy. In the event of any individual being prohibited from using a Buggy, application for re-instatement of permission must be made in writing to the Club's Board of Directors

BUGGY RESTRICTIONS:

In the interests of safety the Club operates a policy whereby Buggy use is restricted during adverse ground conditions. The precise timing, details and duration of any restriction will be decided on a daily basis and in such circumstances the Club's Buggies will not be available for hire. Prior notice of withdrawal of availability will be given if at all possible. Owned Buggies will be subject to the same restrictions for access onto the course as shall be determined from time to time.

WHO CAN USE A BUGGY:

- Members and Green fee paying visitors over the age of 18 who hold a valid UK driving licence.
- A **maximum** of two people can share a Golf Cart with a set of clubs each. The Club may, at its sole discretion, limit the use of the vehicle to one person only.
- Persons operating a Buggy within the confines of the course and car park are deemed that by so doing they have the full knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof
- Children must NOT under any circumstances be allowed to drive any Buggy. A child may be allowed to ride in a Golf Cart only when accompanied by an adult and precautions are taken by the adult to ensure the child is well secured in the vehicle.
- **Before collecting the keys of a Club owned Buggy the Hirer must have read the Buggy Hire Policy and signed the Register to confirm acceptance of the Hire Terms and Conditions**
- members and visitors using their own Buggy, subject to the requirement set out under the Insurance and Liability section below, will adhere to the Terms and Conditions of this Policy at all times

WHERE AND WHEN CAN BUGGY'S BE USED:

- Buggy's shall not be driven on or near any tees or bunkers and must at all times be kept a minimum distance of 10 metres away from any green.
- Buggy's will not be driven within 6 metres of any pond or ditch – the stone bridge on the 18th fairway must not be used by a Golf Cart
- Wet and boggy areas of the course and ground under repair should be avoided.
- Buggy's should not be taken on areas of the course where there are steep slopes or inclines in ground levels and there is an inherent risk of the Buggy being overturned.
- Wherever possible, and particularly in wet ground conditions, Buggies should keep to the defined pathways and the 90 degree rule for access to the players ball observed

SAFE USE OF A GOLF BUGGY:

- Buggy users must be fully conversant with the controls of the Buggy **before** entering on to the course or car parking areas.
- Buggies must be operated with the utmost care, courtesy and consideration for the safety of pedestrians , who must be afforded an unrestricted Right of Way at all times, especially on the various Public Footpaths which cross the course.
- Any signs directing traffic movement on around the course or car parking areas must be strictly observed
- Buggies must not move off before all occupants are seated and users must remain seated at all times whilst the Buggy is in motion.
- Particular care should be taken to slow down or stop at any intersection of paths or roadways which cross access routes around the course
- Braking should be applied gently at all times to avoid any risk of skidding and when leaving the Buggy,

users must ensure that the parking brake is effectively applied

- Hands and feet must be kept inside the Buggy at all times whilst the Buggy is in motion
- Caution must be exercised at all times when reversing ensuring that no person or obstruction is in the vicinity of the vehicle
- Buggy's should not be driven at an excessive speed or in an erratic manner and users must be vigilant to any risk to other persons on the course
- The use of alcohol and /or improper use of drugs when using a Buggy is strictly prohibited
- It is the responsibility of the Buggy user to ensure that the Buggy is in full working condition **before** taking the Buggy on to the Course. If there is any malfunction either before taking the Buggy on to the course, or whilst on the course, then the Buggy **must not** be moved and the defect reported to the Pro shop immediately

RETURN OF BUGGY'S:

It is the responsibility of the individual hiring one of the Club's Buggies to ensure that:

- the Buggy is returned undamaged and in a clean and presentable state
- all personal belongings and debris have been removed and the Buggy sanitised
- the keys are handed in to the Pro shop (or designated receptacle if the pro shop is closed). The Hirer is fully responsible for the safety and security of the Buggy and the keys until returned to the Pro shop
- any damage or malfunction **must** be reported to the the Pro shop. If, in the opinion of the staff in the Pro shop, or a member of the Club staff, the damage has been caused by the Hirer not exercising due care in the use of the Buggy then the Club reserve the right to charge the Hirer for any repairs required

In the event that a Buggy is not returned in an acceptable state (the decision of the Golf Professional being final) then the user will be given a warning. Should the circumstances occur a second time then the individual will be prohibited from hiring a Buggy. Should the Hirer be a Club Member then the Club's Disciplinary Procedure can be instigated as provided for in the Club's Rules and Regulations

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY:

- Normanton Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of Buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the Club car park.
- Normanton Golf Club accepts no responsibility or liability for any claim, injury, loss or damage arising from the negligent use of a Buggy
- Where a member wishes to use his/her own Buggy then a written application must be made to the Club, such application must clearly state a) that the Buggy will be regularly maintained in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and b) that personal /public liability Insurance cover is in place and will cover the Club's operational year: April to March of any calendar year. In the event that the member gives consent to another person to use their Buggy they must ensure that the user is conversant with the controls of the buggy and the terms and conditions of the Club's Buggy Policy
- Where a visitor or guest wishes to bring their own Buggy on to the Club premises then formal application has to be made to the Club stating the date and time access is required and providing the necessary information as set out in the previous paragraph for members using their own Buggies.

HIRE OF A BUGGY AND PERMISSION TO USE A PERONAL RIDE ON BUGGY IS GRANTED AT THE ENTIRE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN, OR HIRE REFUSED, IF IT IS FOUND THAT THE BUGGY HAS BEEN OPERATED IN AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS MANNER OR THE BUGGY HIRE POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN BREACHED.