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Buggy Policy

Use of Ride-on Buggies on the Golf Course

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all ride-on buggies operated on the course at Brampton Park Golf Club (the Club).

This document also lays out the criteria to be applied, and conditions to be met, for their use.

The Club has a number of buggies available for hire and they can be booked in advance by telephoning the Professional shop on 01480 434705. Any booking is subject to restrictions that may be imposed owing to the condition of the course. No guarantee can be given that a buggy will be available unless it has been pre-booked.

The Club also allows members and visitors to use their own buggies on the course subject to them obtaining the permission of the Club to do so, and meeting the requirements set out in this document.

2. Qualifications

In normal conditions there is no restriction on the use of ride-on buggies other than in certain areas of the course (see Conditions of Use). In some circumstances however it may be necessary to restrict their use (see 'Buggy Restrictions').

Any person who operates a ride-on buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.

The safe operation of ride-on buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

Ride-on buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents:

Golf Buggy Safety Policy

Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice/Conditions of Use

Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form

The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.

It is Club policy that if the whole course or part of the course is open, ride-on buggies may be used.

3. Buggy Restrictions

In exceptional weather conditions, the Greens Staff or the Professional may determine that unrestricted use of buggies will, or is likely to, cause significant damage to the course. In these circumstances, buggy restrictions will apply.

Buggies will then only be permitted by those people who have a recognised disability as defined under the Equality Act 2010 Section 6. Such persons must have lodged with the Club General Manager a Medical Certificate (see Appendix A) signed by a registered General Practitioner confirming that they are unable to play a full round of golf without the use of a motorised ride-on buggy.

If there are two such persons in the playing group the General Manager will consider requesting that they share a buggy.

Brampton Park Golf Club has also decided that it would be beneficial to develop a policy that encompasses all members and visitors who, while not fulfilling the legislative definitions of being disabled, need the help provided by a motorised ride-on buggy to play golf.

Golf Buggy Safety Policy

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 the user of a ride-on buggy must show caution and prudence. 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. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using any rights of way.

To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

When conditions dictate all buggy users must use the designated buggy Route as Indicated by the 'Advisory No Buggies' sign by the first Tee.

1. Ride-on buggies on Brampton Park Golf Club property are only for the use of members, green-fee paying visitors and persons so authorised by either the Professional or General Manager.
2. Ride-on 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.
3. The signs and instructions on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or areas forbidden to ride-on buggies because of concerns about the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course must be followed at all times.
4. Ride-on buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on roadways, ramps or pavements.
5. Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by the Club.
6. Brampton Park 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 and property other than those operated by their servants 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.
7. No ride-on buggy will be operated in excess of 15km per hour (9mph). All speed limits must be observed. When the ground is wet or muddy or when negotiating narrow bridges or routes, the maximum permissible speed is walking pace 3.3km per hour (2 mph). Operators must however ensure that they drive at the appropriate speed and in the appropriate manner for the prevailing conditions.
8. No ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
9. Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common 'rules of the road' regardless of whether they are operated on pavements or roadways.
10. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
11. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using the ride-on buggy is strictly prohibited.
12. If, in the opinion of the General Manager or the Club Professional, a person is deemed to be in an unfit condition to use a buggy, she/he has the authority to immediately prohibit any such person from using or being carried on the ride-on buggy. The General Manager will be notified of this decision if it has been made by the Club Professional in the absence of the

General Manager. Application for reinstatement of permission following such action can only be made to the General Manager.

Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice/Conditions of Use

Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs.

Never allow children to drive the ride-on buggy.

Persons driving a buggy must be over 21 years of age or hold a full valid driving licence.

Persons operating a privately owned buggy must provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000 (one million pounds).

BEFORE USE

All operators of ride-on buggies, including privately owned buggies, must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement form before they are allowed to drive the buggy.

A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only be people who are authorised to use one.

DURING USE

- Do not move off until the occupants are seated.
- Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
- Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
- Ride-on buggies must use permanent or temporary buggy paths where provided.
- The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g. when looking for golf balls.
- The vehicle must not be driven on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them.
- The vehicle must not be used within 5 metres of any green, bunker, ditch, pond or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges.
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
- Always set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle even on flat ground.
- Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely.
- Drive your vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
- To avoid tripping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes, not across them.
- Slow down before corners.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
- Brake gently and progressively.
- Be extra careful and drive slowly when the course is wet and muddy.

Buggies are not allowed in the following areas: -

On the fairway or in the rough on any hole that has a permanent or temporarily designated buggy path or route.

On any areas that is visibly wet, marked 'ground under repair', or areas marked as prohibited to buggies.

When advisory buggy sign is by the 1st Tee all buggies must follow the designated buggy route.

Designated Buggy Route

Ground conditions may be unsuitable for the use of a ride-on buggy without compromising the condition of the course. This will be indicated by the siting of an advisory 'no buggies' sign by the 1st Tee.

Although the placing of the sign bans the use of buggies for general use, it is understood that, so as not to discriminate, registered disabled or those with a medical form may choose to still play and require the use of a buggy. In these circumstances a strict route is to be followed so as to minimise damage to the course.

The general guidelines will be laid out below, followed by a more detailed, hole by hole guide.

Where there is a path provided buggies should use them.

Buggies will not travel on fairways or approaches/green surrounds.

Buggies are to travel as close as is safely possible to the outside tree line.

Buggies are to be parked on this line and the 90 degree rule used.

Buggies must never travel down the left side of the 6th hole.

Buggies must never travel down the right side of the 14th hole.

Hole 1

Exit the path and head to the right hand tree kub, follow the tree line until parallel with your ball, park up and walk across to play your shot. Continue along the right hand tree line, through the copse and park up on the path near the green

Hole 2

Follow the path from the tee and continue on that line to the tree line of the right hand of hole 2, follow this tree line until parallel with the ball, park up and walk to the fairway to take the next shot. Continue along the tree line up to the path alongside the 3rd tee.

Hole 3

Exit the path and head down the left side through the copse using the 90 degree rule again to play the next shot. Continue down the left side following the edge of the hazard until parking up on the path behind the green.

Hole 4

Stay on the path at all times.

Hole 5

Exit the path and turn to follow the right hand tree line after crossing the 2nd ditch using the right hand culvert turn left and head to the pump house, then head up the left side, park up at the 6th tee and walk to the green.

Hole 6

The left side of this hole can be very wet and a buggy will get stuck, always proceed down the right side tree line on approaching the green, stay right and park on the path by the 7th tee and walk to the green.

Hole 7

Exit the bridge and stay left of the Ash tree and park on the path at the 8th tee.

Hole 8

Exit the path and head down the left side of the hole in the long rough and hugging the tree line until reaching the path at the 9th tee.

Hole 9

Exit the path and head up the right side of the hole well away from the fairway hugging the long rough and tree line. Park up in the copse short of the green to putt out and play your tee shot off 10.

Hole 10

Continue down the right side of the hole along the tree line paring on the corner level with the green. Leave the buggy there whilst putting out and teeing off on 11.

Hole 11

Continue down the right side of the hole close to the tree line and over the bridge, park up by the hawthorn trees behind the green to putt out and then join the path over the bridge.

Hole 12

Proceed down the right side of the hole close to the tree line and over the bridge, park up on the path.

Hole 13

Exit the path and head down the right side of the hole on the high ground in the rough and join the raised walkway and over the bridge. Exit the path and stay on the right following the tree line, park up to putt out then join the path to the 14th tee.

Hole 14

Exit the path and follow the tree line up the left side of the hole all the way to the sluice. Exit the path turn left and proceed around the back of the green, staying outside the White lines and join the path to the 15th tee.

Hole 15

Exit the path and proceed through the copse to park on the path near the River lane.

Hole 16

Exit the path and head down the right hand side of the hole up to the corner then turn right through the gap. Turn left and join the path to the 17th tee taking care if golfers may be teeing off on 17.

Hole 17

Stay on the path through the woods, exit then proceed down the right hand tree line, around the back of the green to join the path by the 18th tee.

Hole 18

Exit the path and proceed through the copse down the right side of the hole, stay well wide of the green and exit onto the path near the boot cleaner.

Appendix A

MEDICAL FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S DOCTOR

I Dr _____

of _____

Certify that I have examined _____

of _____

I am of the opinion that he/she has a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 and is unable to play a full round of golf without the use of a motorised ride-on buggy.

Signed:

Date:

Practice Stamp

I hereby give consent for Brampton Park Golf Club to record the medical information and keep this on file.

Signed:

Date: