

# Doncaster Golf Club Policy for the use of Ride-on Buggies

The club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course, including pedestrians using the 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. The club secretary and Professional have the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made by the club.

## 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 as far as possible, notice will be given. During any period of restriction, the professionals buggies will be withdrawn from service and the use of privately owned buggies will not be permitted without proof of disability.

## Buggy Maintenance

- The professional is responsible for ensuring that all hire buggies are maintained, serviced and fit for hire.
- Members and visitor wishing to use buggies, other than those hired from the club are responsible for ensuring that they are maintained and serviced correctly.

## Who can use a Golf Buggy?

- Privately owned buggies may only be used with prior permission of the club.
- Members and green fee paying visitors hiring club buggies.
- Only persons over the age of 18 may operate a buggy.
- Users must hold a valid UK driving license.

## Where and when buggies can be used

- All sign directing traffic movement must be strictly observed.
- No buggy should drive near any tees, green or bunkers or within 10yds of the becks.
- Wet areas and ground under repair must be avoided.
- There maybe restrictions on the use of buggies in club conditions.

## Safe use of a golf buggy

- A. Pedestrians must be given right of way at all times.
- B. No more than 2 persons and 2 sets of clubs shall be carried on a buggy.
- C. Drivers should be fully conversant with controls of the buggy.
- D. Brakes should be applied gently to avoid skidding.
- E. No standing on a buggy while it is in motion
- F. Hands and feet must be kept in the buggy at all times.
- G. Caution must be exercised when reversing.
- H. Caution must be exercised on all slopes and inclines.
- I. Always apply the parking break when leaving the buggy.
- J. Drive only as fast as the terrain allows you.
- K. The consumptions of alcohol and / or the improper use of drugs when using a ride-on buggy is prohibited.

## Insurance and liability

- Privately owned buggies must have comprehensive insurance cover and be maintained in accordance with the manufactures recommendations.
- Owners of privately owned buggies must ensure that ALL users of their buggy understand and adhere to this policy.
- The hirer must ensure that they have Personal liability and personal accident insurance when hiring a club buggy.
- Buggy operators who have hired a buggy from the professional are responsible for the security of the vehicle during their hire period, and the return of the key thereafter.
- 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.
- The club accepts no responsibility for and 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.

**PLEASE READ THE ABOVE POLICY AND SIGN THE LOG TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AGREEMENT**