



Golf buggy safety policy - Visitors

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course and to members of the public using Wayfarers Walk. While recognising that the use of buggies makes the golf course more accessible to those who would not otherwise be able to do so, the use of them shall be restricted to times when ground conditions are suitable for their safe operation.

The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and prudence must be shown by the user of a buggy. 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 must ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use.

To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users (members and visitors over age 18) shall comply with the following conditions:

- Buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must always be afforded the right-of-way.
- The signs and instructions employed on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to ride-on buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must always be followed.
- 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, paths or in the garages.
- 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.
- Corhampton 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. 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 staff or agents.
- No buggy will be operated in excess of 8mph (13km) per hour.
- Buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
- Buggies must be operated in compliance with the common 'rules of the road' regardless of whether buggies are operated on paths or roadways.
- Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- Buggy users shall always:
 - Not move off until all occupants are seated.
 - Remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
 - Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the 2 seat buggy when the vehicle is in motion.
 - Pedestrians must always be afforded the right of way. Particular care must be given to walkers using Wayfarers Walk. The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, for example when looking for golf balls.
 - The vehicle must not be driven onto tees, greens, aprons or the slopes leading up to them

- The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers or slopes leading to them.
- Always check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
- Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.
- 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 the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
- To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes.
- Slow down before corners and execute at reduced speed
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
- Take extra care when the course is frosty or wet and muddy.
- The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using the ride-on buggy is strictly forbidden.
- The Secretary has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Management Committee.

Golf buggy safety policy acknowledgement form

All golfers hiring a buggy must complete this form prior to use Any person who operates a ride-on buggy on Corhampton Golf Club premises is deemed, by so doing, 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 requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

Name of User (please print):

Address (if not a member):

By signing below I acknowledge that:

- I understand the terms and conditions of the Club 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

Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. Corhampton Golf club will not accept any liability for any loss or damage to the golf buggy or any other property other than that arising from the negligence of the club, or its employees or agents.

Signature of User

Date:

Signature of Secretary
(or Nominee)

Date: