



Dyke Golf Club

Golf Buggy Health & Safety Policy *Updated January 2020*



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 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 has to 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. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.

To assist the safe employment of buggies all potential users (Members, visitors and guests) shall comply with the following conditions:

- Buggies on Club property are only for the use of all Members and Visitors and those who are currently disabled within the meaning of the Equality Legislation.
- 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.
- The signs and instructions employed on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.
- 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.
- 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.
- Dyke Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of 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 will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a buggy by their servants or agents.
- No buggy will be operated at a speed considered excessive. All speed limits that may be set must be observed.
- Buggies shall be used only when the course is open for play and when no essential buggy prohibition is in force. With exception to our 'Buggy Policy for Disabled People'.
- Buggies must be operated in compliance with the common` rules of the road` regardless of whether buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
- Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- The Secretary/Course Manager 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 Club.

Safe Working Practice

Buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs

Children under the age of 18 are not allowed to drive the ride-on buggy.

BEFORE USE:

- All operators of ride-on buggies must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement form before they are allowed to drive the buggy
- A buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
- In particular, standing on the back of a buggy is expressly forbidden.

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
- Buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas
- 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 absolutely not be used on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them
- The vehicle may not be driven into gorse areas
- The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers or slopes leading to them.
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- 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 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.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
- Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy

AFTER USE:

- When the vehicle is left unattended, turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and return this to the pro-shop.



Checklist for users of Buggies

Know the controls and how to use them

- Ignition key
- Accelerator
- Footbrake
- Parking brake – The parking brake automatically engages when not in motion
- Reversing Control

Know your driving conditions

- Buggies can only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and by those authorised to do so.
- There must be a maximum of 2 occupants at all times and ABSOLUTELY no standing on the back of a buggy.
- The vehicle must not be driven up and down the course when looking for golf balls
- The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens, surrounds or slopes leading up to them
- The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers or slopes leading to them.
- The vehicle may not be driven into gorsed areas
- 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 the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
- To avoid tipping over, drive buggies straight up and down slopes
- Slow down before corners.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
- Avoid sudden stops or change of direction that may result in loss of control

Problems on the course

- Snow
- Ice
- Frost
- Surface water
- Waterlogging
- Heavy rain
- Uneven ground
- Tournament or Competition preparation
- New construction
- New construction recovery areas
- Gorse
- Any other condition designated by the Secretary / Manager

