



CLWB GOLFF PORTHMADOG GOLF CLUB

Policy for the Safe Use of a Golf Buggy

Introduction

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course, including golfers, staff, contractors, and members of the public using public rights of way who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by the users of a ride-on buggy at all times.

Conditions of Use

To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users shall comply with the following conditions:

1. Drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
2. All operators of ride-on buggies must sign an Acknowledgement Form before they are allowed to drive a ride-on buggy on the course.
3. A ride-on 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.
4. Operation of a golf buggy is at the risk of the driver.
5. 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 be followed at all times.
6. 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.
7. Privately owned ride-on buggies may only be used on the course whilst playing golf. The use of privately owned buggies on the course for any other purpose is strictly prohibited.

Porthmadog 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-park 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.

8. 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 ride-on buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
10. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs are not permitted when using the ride-on buggy and users must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. When buggies are being used during periods when only Registered Buggy Users (RBUs) are permitted, passengers within the buggy are prohibited unless they are RBUs themselves.
12. Any Club Official, the Club Manager, Course Manager / Head Greenkeeper or the Professional has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy if theirs or other safety is at risk.



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Safe Operation

Do not move off until the occupants are seated.

1. Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
2. Hands, feet and head must always be kept inside the buggy while the vehicle is in motion.
3. Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of all persons using, or working on, the Golf Course or using the public footpaths across it, and who must be afforded the right of way 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 pathways, ramps or pavements.
5. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
6. Ride-on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas and drivers must comply with all buggy signs.
7. 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.
8. The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or slopes leading up to them.
9. Buggies must not be used within 5 yards of any apron to any green, bunkers, ditches or ponds, except when using the designated pathways or bridges.
10. Never drive buggies between bunkers and greens.
11. Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
12. Set the brake before leaving the buggy.
13. 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.
14. Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
15. To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes.
16. Slow down before corners.
17. All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.
18. Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control. Brakes should be applied gently to avoid skidding.
19. Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy.
20. Do not drive buggies in thick rough – keep to paths, the edge of fairways and semi rough.