



CLWB GOLFF PORTHMADOG GOLF CLUB

## **Buggy Policy**

### **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. 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 Manager, Course Manager / Head Greenkeeper 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 to the Club.

Porthmadog Golf Club has developed this Buggy Policy in order to ensure that the Club complies with the requirements of the Equality Act and Health & Safety legislation. Legal advice from NGCAA has been used to develop the Buggy Policy to ensure that the club complies with legal requirements.

### **Equality Act 2010**

Porthmadog Golf Club welcomes the use of buggies in order to allow access to golf to anyone who is disabled as defined under the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act').

Compliance with the Act will be achieved by allowing access to the club's facilities by anyone wishing to use a buggy and the club will treat all buggy users in the same way, without the need to demonstrate or confirm that users have a disability.

### **Use of Buggies in Competitions**

Porthmadog Golf Club allows buggies to be used in all competitions except match-play competitions unless the golfer is disabled, as defined under the Act. Any exception to this will be at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

### **Porthmadog Golf Club Hire Buggies**

Porthmadog Golf Club has a limited number of buggies so visitors wishing to use the 2-seater buggies provided by the club must check that they are available in order to avoid disappointment.

Buggies can be booked for hire through the professional by any member or visitor. However, priority will be given to anyone requiring a buggy due to a disability and the availability of the buggy to others may be withdrawn under these circumstances. This can only reasonably be applied if the club is made aware of the disability or medical need in advance. It is therefore strongly advised that the club is informed of any need for a buggy on medical grounds and that medical confirmation is provided in good time to allow staff at the club to prioritise the booking.

If ground or weather conditions are considered unsafe or unsuitable for the use of the club buggies then they will be withdrawn from use.

All buggy users must comply with the Buggy Safety Policies and Guidance and sign an Acknowledgement Form before use.

### **Privately owned buggies**

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.



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The Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of privately owned ride-on buggies on the course, in the car park or beyond the confines of the club premises, other than those operated by their servants or agents.

The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use by their servants or agents.

Privately owned buggies may be used by visitors but conditions apply: -

- the buggy must be designed to be used on a golf course and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
- comprehensive insurance is a requirement, and a valid certificate must be provided before use

If the design is considered unsafe for the terrain of the course, or under the prevailing conditions, then the club reserves the right to refuse its use. A complementary club buggy may be provided if conditions allow its safe use and if medical confirmation of a disability is produced.

In order to avoid disappointment in these circumstances it is highly recommended that visitors contact the Club Manager or Professional as soon as possible before visiting Porthmadog Golf Club in order to confirm the suitability of their buggy.

All buggy users must comply with the Buggy Safety Policies / Guidance and sign an Acknowledgement Form before use.

Members may use their own buggy, but conditions apply: -

- the member must first apply to be a Registered Buggy User
- the buggy must be designed to be used on a golf course and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations - evidence to be provided if requested
- comprehensive insurance is a requirement, and a valid certificate must be provided as part of the registration process. Evidence of up-to-date insurance must be provided on an annual basis
- owners of privately owned buggies must ensure that ALL users of their buggy understand and adhere to the Club's policies / guidance.

All buggy users must comply with the Buggy Safety Policies / Guidance and sign an Acknowledgement Form before use.

### **Member's Buggy Park**

The buggy park can only be used with the authority of the club and this can be withdrawn at any time.

### **Club Policies**

The Club's Buggy Policies and supporting documentation are available on the Club's website under the Policy Document tab / Health & Safety tab.