

BUGGY POLICY

Introduction

Bingley St. Ives Golf Club has developed a 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

Bingley St. Ives 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

Bingley St. Ives 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.

Bingley St. Ives Golf Club Hire Buggies

Bingley St. Ives 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will be given to anyone requiring a buggy due to a disability and the availability of the buggy to others may be withdrawn under these circumstances.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If ground or weather conditions are considered unsafe or unsuitable for the use of the club buggies then they will be withdrawn from use.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 Policy and sign an Acknowledgement Form before use.

Privately owned buggies (visitors)

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

- The buggy must be designed to be used on a golf course.
- Third party liability 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 Manager or Professional as soon as possible before visiting Bingley St. Ives in order to confirm the suitability of their buggy.

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

Privately owned buggies (members)

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 evidence provided if requested.
- Third party liability insurance is a requirement, and a valid certificate must be provided as part of the registration process

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