



Hale Golf Club - Golf Buggy Policy

Conditions of Use:

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 Golf Buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use Golf Buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use Golf Buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective Golf Buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public who may, from time to time, justifiably be on the course.

To assist the safe employment of Golf Buggies all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

1. Only electrically driven Golf Buggies owned by Hale Golf Club and appropriately maintained and insured privately-owned buggies are permitted on the course.
2. Privately-owned buggies can be transported to Hale Golf Club within the confines of the owner's vehicle or using a trailer.
3. Facilities to store or re-charge privately-owned buggies are not available at Hale Golf Club.
4. All privately-owned golf buggies that are used on Hale Golf Club must be maintained to the manufacturer's service recommendations and records kept of the maintenance. The club reserve the right to refuse use on the course if there are issues concerning safety or significant risk.
5. Golf buggies must be operated safely and with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of third parties and their property. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
6. The signs and instructions employed on the course providing warnings of potential danger areas, or areas forbidden to golf buggies, must be followed at all times.
7. Golf 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.
8. Golf 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.
9. No golf buggy will be operated in excess of 15 km / 10 mph. All speed limits must be observed.
10. Golf buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
11. Golf buggies must be operated in compliance with the common 'rules of the road' regardless of whether golf buggies are operated on pavements or roadways. All drivers must hold a full UK driving licence.
12. Golf buggies owned by Hale Golf Club shall not be used outside of the course and car park. Hale Golf Club reserves the right to hold the Hirer responsible for golf buggy vehicle loss, damage or theft risks arising from the use or misuse of the vehicle or by failing to observe reasonable and stated safety and security requirements.
13. Operators must stop the golf buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
14. The operator shall continue to assess the suitability for use of the buggy in the conditions prevailing throughout the period of use and Hale Golf Club accepts no liability for any loss or damage caused to the buggy, its contents or its occupants other than that arising from the negligence or criminal act of its servants or agents.
15. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using a golf buggy is not permitted.
16. The Greens Committee or Club Secretary has the authority to immediately suspend or prohibit any individual from using a golf buggy if they consider it prudent to do so.