



Hale Golf Club – Golf Buggy Policy

Safe Use of Golf Buggies on the Course

- The Head Green Keeper shall determine whether the conditions of the course are safe for the use of Golf Buggies. This assessment will be carried out on a daily basis and the current buggy status recorded on the club website and indicated to the Professional.
- Players using their own personally-owned buggy must provide evidence of suitable and specific Third Party Liability insurance with a minimum indemnity limit of £2,000,000. Furthermore they must agree to indemnify Hale Golf Club for any injury or property damage that arises out of the player's and/or owner's negligent use or misuse of that buggy.
- Buggy users must be fully conversant with the controls of the buggy. These include the ignition switch and immobiliser key, the accelerator, the parking brake and the reversing control.
- Golf buggies can only be used by the person or persons who have signed the Golf Buggy Safety Acknowledgement Form confirming their adherence to the HGC Golf Buggy Safety Policy.
- The buggy must not be used on areas of the course where prohibitive signs are placed or taken beyond the confines of the course.
- The club expects users to drive their vehicle carefully and responsibly. They must be particularly conscious of the safety of other golfers and members of the public using nearby footpaths. The use of alcohol before or during buggy use is not permitted.
- Vehicles should be driven only as fast as the conditions allow and never greater than 15 km or 10 mph.
- To reduce the risk of accidents, drive buggies straight up and down slopes and slow down before corners. Users should pay particular attention on inclines, near bunkers and close to river banks and ditches.
- To minimise damage to the fairways, Golf Buggies should be driven along the rough until your ball is reached. Then, enter the fairway at right angles to arrive at your ball. Exit the same way back to the rough.
- Vehicles should not be driven onto tees, greens or slopes leading to them.
- Take particular care in wet and muddy conditions.
- In the event of a problem call either the professional shop or club house on the number listed in the vehicle.
- When the vehicle is left unattended engage the parking brake. After use, turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and engage the parking brake.