



Transportation Policy

Introduction

Royal Cromer Golf Club wishes to encourage participation in all our competitions and if you have a condition or disability that limits your ability to walk long distances, carry golf clubs or otherwise play a round of golf, you can request permission to use a golf buggy in accordance with this policy.

Aim of Policy

This Policy is the Transportation Policy referred to in the Terms of Competition for all Club competitions. It sets out the circumstances in which golf buggies may be used in events organised and managed by the Club.

The Club wishes to encourage participation in golf of all players regardless of disabilities. The Policy is in accordance with the Club's obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

This Policy applies to all Club Competitions, including Inter-Club, Individual and Leagues.

Definitions

'Disability' shall have the same meaning as Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010. A person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities; or any other condition that has a substantial adverse effect on your ability to walk long distances or otherwise play a game of golf.

Any reference to 'golf buggy' shall include any vehicle deemed to be a golf buggy by the Club.

Any reference to 'Committee' shall refer to the Club's Handicap and Competitions Committee, or their authorised representative, which has responsibility for taking a decision on the use of a golf buggy and 'member of the Committee' shall be construed accordingly.

Persons who may use a Golf Buggy

The Committee may approve a request to use a Golf Buggy only if such request complies with the following requirements

The player or caddie submits a validly completed online Buggy Request Form to the Club in accordance with this policy.



The player or caddie's Buggy Request Form confirms that the player or caddie is unable to walk long distances, carry golf clubs or otherwise play a round of golf on the grounds of either a temporary condition or a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 and that in the Club's responsible opinion, the use of a Golf Buggy is a reasonable adjustment in light of that disability.

The Committee should receive the request in writing at least 14 days before the commencement date of the relevant competition.

Unless otherwise stated in the Terms of Competition, players must walk at all times during the stipulated round of any Club competition, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by a member of 'the Committee' or their authorised representative, in accordance with this Policy. The Penalty for a breach of this condition is detailed under Model Local Rule G-6 in The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf produced by the R&A and the USGA. Rule 4.3a(i) is modified in this way: "During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Rules Committee". The penalty shall apply to the team score in any stroke play team event. (Penalty : Match Play – loss of hole : Stroke Play – two strokes.) The Committee may, in the Terms of Competition, prohibit the use of caddies or restrict a player in their choice of caddie (Model Local Rule H-1 in The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf produced by the R&A and the USGA).

A golf buggy may be used by a player or caddie who has provided a completed Buggy Request Form in accordance with the Policy and has requested permission to use a golf buggy prior to commencing the stipulated round. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the golf buggy for which they seek permission, they may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them and inform the Committee accordingly.

Should the permission to use a buggy be granted only to the player's caddie, the player must walk at all times during the stipulated round in accordance with any Conditions of Competition.

The Committee may not, without good reason, refuse a request for permission to use a golf buggy if the criteria above are met.

Where a player is under 18 years of age and has met the criteria above, a member of the Committee shall reserve the right to specify that the golf buggy is driven by another person of that Committee member's choice, in the event that a person having parental responsibility for the player is unable or not competent or qualified to do so.

In cases where a member of the Committee refuses to permit the use of a golf



buggy, they shall inform the player/caddie/third party of the decision, the reason for it, and the right to appeal this refusal to the Appeal Committee in accordance with this Policy.

Health and Safety Considerations

The player has responsibility to use the Golf Buggy responsibly and adhere to specified routes or similar.

The Club have due regard to any relevant weather conditions and other considerations which could impede the safety of the golf buggy or player before play begins. Permission to use a buggy may be refused / rescinded at any time should conditions on the course be deemed unsafe or unsuitable for buggy use by the Club.

Conditions for use of Golf Buggies

A player, caddie or other third party permitted to use a golf buggy must agree to the following terms and conditions of use:

Any person operating a golf buggy must do so with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of others and in accordance with any relevant golf buggy operating guidelines.

A golf buggy shall be for the sole use of the player and their equipment (or any caddie or third party who has been permitted to drive the buggy) unless a member of the Committee has deemed that for reason of age or disability a third party is required to drive the golf buggy.

A golf buggy must not impede or interfere with normal pedestrians or vehicular traffic flow on roadways, ramps and pavements.

A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been granted permission to drive the golf buggy) must remain seated in the golf buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

Drivers of golf buggies must comply with directional signs and not use prohibited areas including public highways or pavements.

Any person granted permission to use a golf buggy in accordance with this Policy must accept responsibility for any losses or injury sustained as a result of their fault whilst using a golf buggy.

Appeals Procedure



Any decision by the Handicap and Competitions Committee refusing a player or caddie permission to use a golf buggy may be appealed by the player or caddie to the Club Appeals' Committee, which shall comprise three members of the Club.

An appeal shall be made in writing to the Appeals' Committee within five working days of the date of the initial decision. Any written appeal request shall also include a statement by the appellant giving reasons for the appeal.

The Appeals Committee shall make a decision on an appeal and communicate it to the appellant within 10 working days of the initial appeal.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.