

Wooler Golf Club

Use of Club Buggies and Private Buggies

PERSONS WHO MAY USE A BUGGY

- For League Matches - A golf buggy may be used by a player who can provide a valid current medical certificate and has requested permission to use a golf buggy
- For Wooler Men's Competitions including the Championships – A golf buggy may be used as approval has been granted by the members at the January 2020 EGM
- For Wooler Lady's Competitions including the Championships and NNLFGL matches – A golf buggy may be used as approval has been granted by the Lady's Committee and the NNLFGL committee
- **Where a player is under the age of 18 years, they are not permitted to drive a buggy**

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:

(a) 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

(b) The Committee may require that a golf buggy must not exceed walking pace

(c) For League Matches - A golf buggy shall be for the sole use of the player and his/her equipment, 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

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

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

(f) Drivers of golf buggies must comply with directional signs and not use prohibited areas including public highways and pavements

(g) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must accept responsibility for any losses or injury sustained as a result of his or her fault whilst using a golf buggy; and

(h) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) should have adequate personal and third-party insurance

INSURANCE

If the buggy is owned by the person using it and kept at the club, there must be in force an appropriate policy of insurance covering liability for all third-party liabilities. In the event that the buggy is provided by the Club, it is incumbent upon the Club to ensure that there is in force an appropriate policy of insurance covering third party liabilities and the terms of use have been communicated to the user of the buggy.

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If privately owned buggies are “loaned out” by the owner to others (eg another member or visitor), each user will require authorisation by the owner and will be required to sign this policy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

1 Where it has been agreed that a buggy may be used, a member of the Committee shall have regard to the following additional Health & Safety considerations before granting approval: -

- a) Any relevant weather conditions
- b) The topography and ground conditions
- c) The condition and suitability of the golf buggy
- d) Any other relevant considerations which could impede the safety of the golf buggy or impact on the safety of others.

2 In the event that a member of the Committee believes that for reasons of Health & Safety a golf buggy should not be used by players, caddie or third parties at a particular time, he/she may: -

- a) Refuse to grant permission for the use of a golf buggy and shall inform a player, caddie or third party of this decision, or
- b) Revoke any such permission in the event of new Health & Safety considerations come to light since the grant of the initial permission to use a golf buggy

3 It will be a requirement for any player, caddie or third party granted permission to use a buggy to complete and sign this Use of Buggies Policy prior to use.

4 The driver is solely responsible for the safe usage of the buggy on the course.

5 Liability for any injury or damage caused, is the liability of the driver.

There is an excess charge, set by the insurers, for any damage caused to the club buggies.

Drivers 18-20 years old will pay the excess charge of £350;

Drivers 21-24 will pay the excess charge of £150;

All other drivers over the age of 25 will pay the excess of £50.

6 Permission to use a golf buggy is conditional upon the user agreeing to the terms and conditions set out.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

1 Any decision by a Committee member refusing a player or caddie permission to use a golf buggy may be appealed by the player or caddie to the Appeals Committee which shall comprise of three members of England Golf Championship Committee.

2 An appeal should be made in writing to the Appeals Committee within 5 working days of the date of the initial decision.

3 Any written appeal requests shall include a statement where the player or caddie give the reasons why he/she is seeking to appeal a decision.

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

5 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

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DISCLAIMER RELATED TO PRIVATELY OWNED BUGGIES OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Users of privately owned golf buggies do so at their own risk. Wooler Golf Club will not accept any liability for any loss or damage to the golf buggy or any other property other than that arising from the negligence of the club or any of its servants or agents.

Signature of Buggy User _____ Date _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Terms and Conditions for Members Paying an Annual Fee for the Use of a Buggy

Wooler Golf Club has agreed to offer the membership the facility to pay an annual fee at the start of each new season for the use of a club buggy throughout their membership for that year.

The feasibility of the amount set for the annual fee will be reviewed at the start of each season.

Terms and Conditions

- Taking up the offer will not provide the member with any kind of priority if all buggies are booked out on the day a buggy is required
- Any breach of the current Use of Buggies policy may result in the forfeit of the annual up-front payment
- Members paying their membership fee by monthly payments, wishing to take up the offer of the annual payment but who fail to keep up their monthly membership fee payments, may also forfeit the annual up-front buggy payment
- Members, visitors or member's guests wishing to share a buggy with someone who has paid the annual up-front payment should agree any payment with the person who has paid the upfront annual payment
- Members, visitors or member's guests may only use the buggy if the member who has paid upfront for the buggy is with them
- Buggies paid for by the annual up-front payment, can only be booked no sooner than 1 week before the day they are required
- Buggy bookings will continue to be on a first come first served basis and must be done via the BRS system
- In the event of major competitions and Wooler Opens, competitors will have priority