

FULFORD HEATH GOLF CLUB - Ride on Buggy Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Use is regulated by Fulford Heath Golf Club's policy with due regard to section 6 of The Equality Act 2010

1.2 During normal conditions the use of buggies will be allowed subject to the conditions outlined within this policy.

1.3 At certain times the general condition of Fulford Heath Golf Club may not allow use, however, it is recognised that some golfers would be unable to play without such facility. During adverse conditions, use will be subject to health and safety criteria and accessibility to the whole or parts of the course. Where parts of the course are affected a shortened course may be in operation. If a shortened course is required then justification will be recorded detailing time, date and reasons for such action within the golf buggy file.

1.4 A hole by hole risk assessment identifies hazards, some being particular to the use of ride on buggies. A general set of safety instructions are included within the policy. It is recognised that at times a specific appraisal of the whole or part of the course should be undertaken - for example in extreme wet conditions / when there is ice or snow.

1.5 Such restrictions apply equally to any person who has their own buggy. Any person wishing to use their own buggy at Fulford Heath Golf Club must make advance written application to the Secretary / Manager. Such applications must clearly demonstrate that personal / third party and public liability insurance are in place. Where permission is granted any trailer used to transport the buggy must be left in the overflow car park.

2. General Qualification:

Use of a ride-on buggy will not be allowed unless authorised by the Club and will be restricted to members, visitors and guests who comply with the club policy, safety instructions and are able to safely use the same.

3. Specific Qualification -

3.1 At times when the general provision of ride on buggies has been suspended, Fulford Heath Golf Club recognises that some golfers may be unable to play. Players who demonstrably have a genuine incapacity to play golf unless aided by the use of the buggy will be allowed use but may be required to use a specific route, and / or find that a shortened course is in operation. The use of the 90 degree rule may also apply. In order to qualify for use during such times users must be in possession of a medical certification which has been duly signed by the applicant's doctor. Suitable forms are available from the club Secretary/Manager. Blue Badge holders are not exempt from the need to obtain a medical certificate. (See also `Use in General Play and Competitions` below).

3.2 The Club reserves the right to withdraw authorisation if the medical condition or disability necessitating the use of a ride-on buggy ceases, or, the conditions for its use are not fully complied with.

3.3 Any person who operates a ride-on buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.

3.4 The safe operation of ride-on buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

3.5 Ride-on buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following:

- Golf Buggy Safety Policy
- Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice
- Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form.

3.6 In order that these conditions can in practice be met, the Club Secretary/Manager or their approved nominee, namely the club Professional or qualified member of the professional shop, must whenever possible, be given prior notice of a requirement by a member, visitor or guest to use a ride-on buggy. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.

3.7 The Course manager / Professional may determine that course conditions or the weather are such that safety or conditions may be unacceptably compromised if a ride-on buggy are used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include water-logging, frost, etc. and may require complete or partial closure. Where such conditions arise the club will review the situation. Such conditions must be recorded in the buggy policy file.

4. Use in General Play and Competitions

4.1 During general (non-competition) play a ride-on buggy may be used by abled or disabled members, visitors and guests authorised to do so who comply with the policy.

4.2 The use of ride-on-buggies is generally prohibited in competitions. Players should walk at all times unless permission to ride has been given by the competitions committee. Such permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

4.3 Ride-on buggies may be used during closed and open competitions by those suffering from a disability within the meaning of section 6 of The Equality Act 2010 who comply with the policy and medical certification.

5. Golf Buggy Safety Policy

5.1 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 ride-on buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use ride-on buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.

5.2 To assist the safe use of ride-on buggies all potential users (members, visitors and guests) shall comply with the following conditions:

- a. Ride-on buggies on Fulford Heath Golf Club property are only for the use of members and visitors or disabled persons within the meaning of the Equality Legislation.
- b. Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times. Specific mention is made of the public footpaths throughout the course and the road leading to the overflow car-park and green-keepers premises.
- c. The instructions employed warn buggy users of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to ride-on buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.
- d. Ride-on 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.

- e. Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys and buggy for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by the Club.
- f. Fulford Heath Golf Club have no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride-on buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the club car-parks other than those operated by their servants or agents. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride-on buggy by their servants or agents.
- g. No ride-on buggy will be operated in excess of 15km per hour. All speed limits must be observed.
- h. Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
- i. Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common` rules of the road` regardless of whether ride-on buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
- j. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- k. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs is not permitted when using the ride-on buggy.
- l. The Secretary/Manager, Club Professional, their agent or Member of the Committee has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Club.
- m. When applicable ride on buggies must follow the designated route defined by orange stakes.
- n. Where a shortened course is in operation users must comply with such instruction including any specific route and or 90 degree rule. Only designated bridges to be used - marked by orange stakes.

6. Safe Working Practice

- Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs
- Hirers must be aged 18 years. Children are not allowed to be passengers unless supervised by an adult who takes responsibility for all incidents, accidents.

BEFORE USE

- All operators of ride-on buggies must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement form before they are allowed to drive the buggy
- A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
- The operator must be conversant with the controls i.e. Ignition switch and immobiliser key Accelerator, Foot and Parking brake, Reversing Control.

DURING USE

- Do not move off until all occupants are seated
- Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion
- Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion
- Ride-on buggies must not be driven in any prohibited areas.
- The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g., when looking for golf balls
- The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them
- The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers, ditches or ponds or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle
- Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely

When in operation the designated buggy routes, shown by orange stakes on the course, should be used. Note: only bridges designated by orange stakes to be used. At times the 90 degree rule may also be applied.

- Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
- To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down slopes
- Slow down before corners.
- All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
- Be extra careful when the course is wet, muddy, frost.

AFTER USE

When the vehicle is left unattended, engage the parking brake, turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key.

Where applicable the buggy should be left in the appropriate buggy parking area.

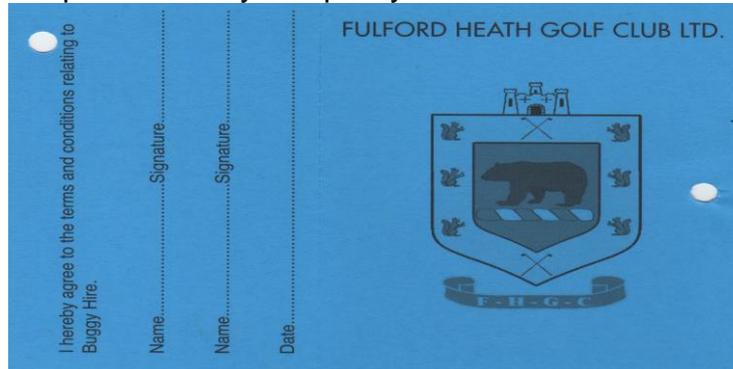
All keys must be returned to the professional shop or if closed to the bar.

Any incident must be immediately reported to the Secretary /Manager, Club Professional or Member of the Committee.

Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement

Any person who operates a Ride-on buggy on Fulford Heath Golf Club premises is deemed, by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

The safe operation of Ride-on buggies requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.



FULFORD HEATH GOLF CLUB LTD.

I hereby agree to the terms and conditions relating to Buggy Hire.

Name.....Signature.....

Name.....Signature.....

Date.....

F.H.G.C.

All Buggy Users must, prior to use, agree to the policy and comments below and will be required to sign a blue terms and conditions ticket (see above) to acknowledge the following:

- I have read the Fulford Heath Golf Club Buggy Safe Working Practice
- I have read and understand the terms and conditions of Fulford Heath Golf Club Golf Buggy Safety Policy
- I have been provided access to and have read the policy of use at Fulford Heath Golf Club
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy
- I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a ride-on buggy
- I will ensure that the buggy will be maintained and operated in accordance with Fulford Heath Golf Club's Golf Buggy Safety Policy
- I agree to indemnify Fulford Heath Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands made against Fulford Heath Golf Club arising out of, or in connection with, the use of the golf buggy.

Where Applicable

- I possess and have produced a copy of certified evidence that I have a disability within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 which disables me from playing golf without the use of a ride-on buggy

Where Applicable

- I have lodged with the Secretary/Manager a copy of my valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties.

Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. Fulford Heath Golf Club Limited will not accept liability for any loss or damage to the golf buggy or any other property arising from the negligence of the Club or any of its servants or agents



CONFIDENTIAL

To comply with Disability Legislation Fulford Heath Golf Club is introducing a policy to enable disabled golfers to use a buggy when, due to adverse conditions, mechanical aids would not normally be allowed on the course.

If any member, including blue badge holders, consider they need mechanical assistance to play during these periods please ask your doctor to complete the following MEDICAL FORM.

Once completed the form, should be returned, in confidence, to:
Secretary/Manager, Fulford Heath Golf Club Limited, Tanners Green Lane, Wythall. B47 6BH

I, Dr.....

of.....

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Certify that I have examined

Of.....

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I am of the opinion that he/she is suffering from a long-term disability and is unable to play or has undue difficulty in playing golf without the use of a motorised ride-on golf buggy

Signed: Dated:

Surgery stamp

FULFORD HEATH GOLF CLUB LIMITED –
COURSE ASSESSMENT APPERTAINING TO THE USE OF RIDE-ON BUGGIES, MAY 2013

Assessment to be updated when any changes to layout occur.

Risk is currently regarded as LOW

Fulford Heath is an undulating parkland course crossed in its middle by the River Cole. At various points designated wooden bridges are for use by ride on buggies. Throughout the course there are numerous open ditches. Water hazards are marked. A number of hard surface paths are in use particularly around teeing areas. Some areas are undulating.

The Golf Buggy Safety Policy and Safe Working Practice documents should both be read in conjunction with the following.

- 1st - Road crossing some 50 metres in front of tee.
Public footpath 50 metres in from of tee and running along left hand side of fairway.
Ditch to left hand side.
- 2nd - Step onto tee area
Lake to right of fairway
Green has ditch in front and to its right.
Beware of golfers driving off third tee which is to the right of second green - wait in area out of line of their drive.
Public footpath to back of 3rd tee and green.
- 3rd - Ditch and small lake to right and then left when approaching green.
- 4th - Step up to tee. When driving beware of houses to left and 14th green to right.
- 5th - Step up to tee
Ladies tee 6th is out of sight to the right behind woods. Gents tee to left.
- 6th - Slope with public footpath crossing fairway 150 yards before green.
Steep slopes off rear of green.
- 7th - Beware of 14th tee on left and 12th tee on right, tee side of river.
Use designated bridge over river. Area around river may be wet.
Ditch to left with railway line 150 metres to green.
Steep slope to Green - use right hand side path.
- 8th - Ditch to right hand side.
Fairway can be wet.
- 9th - Ditch to left of fairway which runs down slope to river.
Use designated bridge.
Ground can be wet by river.
- 10th - Elevated tee.
Use designated bridge over river. Ground can be wet.
Steep slope to left of green.
- 11th - Steps to tee.
Steep path and slope to and around green.

- 12th - Use designated bridge to tee area.
River to left and in front of tee.
River to right hand side of fairway.
Use designated bridge over second crossing.
When crossing the river for the second time the river is now on left hand side with ditch on right of fairway.**
- 13th - Small pond to left hand side some 180 metres to green.
Ditch and large lake to right.
Side of lake some 150 metres to green can be wet.**
- 14th - Beware of golfers driving off 7th tee.
Elevated tee.
Slope some 75 metres in front of tee.
Beware of public footpath crossing some 100 metres in front of tee.**
- 15th - Elevated tee.
Wet to right hand side of fairway by ditch and pond.
Public footpath crossing rear of green.
Slopes off green to all sides except front.**
- 16th - Path to tee area is also a public footpath.
Large lake in front of tee and also to right of path from tee to green.
Path passes by Green maintenance areas which may have personnel working with or on machinery and goes onto on course access road to overflow car park - Beware of traffic and working environment.
Practice area to rear of Green and to right when traveling towards next tee.**
- 17th - Fairway slopes.
Ditch on left.**
- 18th - Fairway slopes down after tee.
250 metres to green there is a small pond on the left.**