

**Golf Buggy Policy**

**Introduction**

This policy establishes the requirements and responsibilities regarding the use of ride-on- buggies at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club.

The purpose of this policy is to establish the standard for the safe operation of all club owned ride-on-buggies operated on the course.

**Safe Practice**

Ride-on buggies shall be used only when the course is open for play and when no buggy ban is in place.

Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs.

Ride-on buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the Golf Buggy Policy.

The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and care must be shown by the user of a ride-on-buggy

**Buggy Restrictions**

At certain times the club may determine that the general condition of the course or the weather is such that safety on or the condition of the course may be unacceptability compromised if a ride on buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unacceptable conditions include water logging, frost, snow etc.

**Buggy Maintenance**

The club will be responsible for ensuring that all club hire buggies are maintained, serviced correctly and are fit for hire.

**Before Use**:

All operators of ride-on buggies will be required to sign a disclaimer with the Pro Shop 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.

Drivers should be fully conversant with the controls of the buggy.

No more than two persons and two sets of clubs shall be carried.

**During Use:**

Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for that period.

Do not move off until the occupants are seated.

No standing on a buggy while it is in motion.

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 buggy is in motion.

Drive the buggy only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.

The buggy must not be used within two metres of any bunkers, ditches, pond or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges.

Caution must be exercised when reversing. Check the area behind before reversing.

Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.

Avoid sudden stops or change of direction that may result in loss of control.

Caution must be exercised on all slopes and inclines.

Slow down before corners. All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.

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Be extra careful in wet and muddy conditions.

**After Use:**

When returning the buggy, turn the operating key to the off position, engage the parking brake and return the key to The Professional Shop, who will check for any damage.

Report any accidents/incidents/near misses that occurred during use. Any damage will be recorded, photographed and a quote supplied to the hirer who will be expected to pay in full.