

# **GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB LTD**



## **GOLF BUGGY POLICY**

### **USE OF RIDE-ON BUGGIES ON THE GOLF COURSE**

**Adopted by the Board of Directors on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

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#### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the authorisation and safe operation of all ride-on buggies operated on the course at Gerrards Cross Golf Club (the Club). The document also sets out the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met for their use.

The Club has a number of 2 seater buggies available for hire either on the day or in advance by booking with the Professional. Any booking is subject to restrictions that may be imposed owing to the condition of the course. No guarantee can be given that a buggy will be available to hire.

In order for a buggy to be used at the Club, the following conditions must be met:

- ALL USERS & HIRERS OF BUGGIES must sign an authorization form before the first hire. This will be valid for a year.
- As a result of DISABILITY (within the meaning of Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010), some members, visitors and guests may not be able to play golf without the help provided by a motorised ride-on buggy. There may be occasions when the use of ride-on buggies is prohibited other than to those authorised to use them by virtue of their disability. In order to qualify for buggy-use at such times, those people must obtain a Medical Certificate from their GP and lodge this with the Secretary.
- Members and visitors who wish to USE THEIR OWN BUGGY may do so subject to their obtaining the permission of the Club in advance and lodging with the Secretary a copy of a valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties.

#### Use in General Play and Competitions

The Club will be operating a “traffic light” system for buggy use, dependent on ground conditions. During general (non-competition) play, a ride-on buggy can be used by members, visitors and guests subject to the following restrictions:

- RED:** Complete buggy ban
- AMBER:** Only Disabled Users (including any member who has completed a Medical Certificate) may be allowed to use a buggy and the **AMBER** buggy route must be followed
- GREEN:** Buggies allowed – no restrictions. (rough and fairways)

There will also be an **AMBER PLUS** option that will allow Disabled or any member who has completed a Medical Certificate the use of a buggy on a restricted course. Play on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> holes (inclusive) is NOT PERMITTED due to the severe slopes on these holes making it unsafe.

The club's view is that single seater buggies may be safer in some conditions than 2 seaters. With this in mind, the club will operate a trial period (until March 2012) where there may be occasions when buggy conditions will be RED for 2 seaters but AMBER for single seaters.

The course information line, blackboard and website will clearly state which condition applies on a daily basis. The greenstaff will follow a designated procedure in checking specified points on the course before posting the buggy status for that day. Ride-on buggies may be used during competitions (including honours board competitions) by those suffering from a disability within the meaning of Section 6 of The Equality Act 2010 and who have been authorised to do so.

# GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB BUGGY HIRE

**All golfers must complete this Acknowledgement Form prior to operating a Golf Buggy**

Name of User: .....

Address: .....

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E-mail: .....

**By signing below I acknowledge that:**

- Only the signatories may be in control of the ride-on buggy at any time.
- I/we have read the terms & conditions, safety policy and buggy routes on the reverse of this form and will ensure that the buggy is operated in accordance with them
- I/we have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy
- I/we have been instructed in, or am otherwise knowledgeable of all operations procedures and safety precautions required in the operation of the golf buggy to which I/we have been assigned.
- I am/we are over 18 years of age.
- Immediately on completion of the rental period, the ride-on buggy shall be returned to the collection point and keys handed back; any damage or incident must be reported immediately.
- The Club or Matthew Barr does not accept liability for damage or personal injury to any passenger or other person whilst the buggy is in the care of the hirer(s); the hirer(s) shall be liable for any damage or injury caused by negligent operation.
- I/we agree to indemnify Gerrards Cross Golf Club and Matthew Barr against all claims, costs and demands made as a result of my/our operation of the golf buggy.

Signature of User..... Date.....

Signature of Secretary or Professional ..... Date.....

**VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE ABOVE DATE.**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

BUGGY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD OF HIRE:

18 HOLES

ALL DAY

# GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB

## BUGGY HIRE

**All golfers must complete this Acknowledgement Form prior to operating a Golf Buggy**

Name of User: .....

Address: .....

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E-mail: .....

**By signing below I acknowledge that:**

- Only the signatory may be in control of the ride-on buggy at any time.
- I have read the terms & conditions, safety policy and buggy routes on the reverse of this form and will ensure that the buggy is operated in accordance with them
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy
- I am knowledgeable of all operations procedures and safety precautions required in the operation of the golf buggy which I will operate.
- I am over 18 years of age.
- Any incident will be reported immediately to the Office.
- The Club does not accept liability for damage or personal injury to any passenger or other person whilst the buggy is on the Club's premises.
- I agree to indemnify Gerrards Cross Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands made as a result of my operation of the golf buggy.
- I have lodged with the Secretary a copy of my valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties.

Signature of User..... Date.....

Signature of Secretary ..... Date.....

**VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE ABOVE DATE.**

## Terms & Conditions

- Use of a ride-on buggy will not be allowed unless authorised by the Club.
- 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 operate the vehicle safely and will be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.
- The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.
- The Club also reserves the right to withdraw authorisation if the conditions for use of a ride-on buggy are not fully complied with, or, in the case of use by those with a medical condition or disability necessitating the use of a ride-on buggy at times when use of ride-on buggies is otherwise prohibited, that medical condition or disability ceases.
- From time to time the Club's staff may determine that the state of the course or the weather is such that safety on or the condition of the course may be unacceptably compromised if a ride-on buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course.
- Users of ride-on buggies do so at their own risk. 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.

## Safety Policy

1. A 2 seater ride-on buggy shall only carry 2 persons and 2 golf bags maximum.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The Club has 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.
5. Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common "rules of the road" regardless of whether ride-on buggies are operated on paths or roadways.
6. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs are not permitted when using the ride-on buggy.
7. The Secretary has the authority to suspend or prohibit immediately any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy. Application for re-instatement of permission can only be made to the Club.

## Buggy Routes

- The ride-on buggy shall only be use in designated areas of the golf course.
- The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens (including temporary greens and the aprons of greens where these are defined by a line on the grass) or the slopes leading up to them.
- The vehicle must not be used within 3 metres of, or on the slopes leading to, any bunkers (including between greens and greenside bunkers), ditches, ponds or the River Misbourne except when using designated bridges.
- The signs and instructions employed on the course to warn buggy riders 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.
- Users must always consider the terrain as well as environmental factors on the course.
- Details of buggy routes are available from the Professional Shop.
- The Club may from time to time make amendments to these routes depending on weather and ground conditions and on maintenance activities on certain parts of the course. Buggy users will be notified of such amendments and must check with the Professional whether any such amendments are in effect before commencing their round.
- 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.

## Amber Buggy Route

DRIVING ON FAIRWAYS MUST BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AT ALL TIMES.  
IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO CROSS A FAIRWAY, THIS SHOULD ONLY BE DONE  
AT 90 DEGREES

### Hole

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keep to the **LEFT** hand rough.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough and pass the green to the **RIGHT** using the road to the 5<sup>th</sup> tee.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Use the path then drive along the **LEFT** hand side of the hole.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough.
- 7<sup>th</sup> From the tee down the **LEFT** hand side of the fairway until you are round the corner of the dogleg then cross the fairway at 90 degrees to the **RIGHT** hand rough.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough and park in front of the pond.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Leave buggy in front of pond (making sure it is not in the way of shots on either 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> holes) and walk back to the tee. Use the rough on **EITHER** left or right.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough. On leaving the green turn to the right and pass between the hedge and the rain shelter, park the buggy and if necessary walk back to the 11<sup>th</sup> tee.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Keep to the **LEFT** hand rough.

- 12<sup>th</sup>** Keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** Keep to the path at all times.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** Keep to the **LEFT** hand rough.
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Keep to the **LEFT** hand rough and cross the fairway in front of the RHS greenside bunker.
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Use the path to the **RIGHT** of the hole.
- 17<sup>th</sup>** When leaving the tee keep to the **RIGHT** hand rough until after the fairway bunker, then cross the fairway and keep to the **LEFT** hand rough, using the lower footpath to reach the 18<sup>th</sup> tee.
- 18<sup>th</sup>** Use the path from the tee to the fairway. Drive down the **RIGHT** hand rough and cross to the **LEFT** at the footpath. Only use the bridge to the **LEFT** hand side and drive around the back of the green.

### Amber Plus Buggy Route

As above but the **5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> holes** (inclusive) are deemed to be unsafe and **these holes must not be played.**

Drivers are asked to avoid the 5<sup>th</sup> hole by driving from the 4<sup>th</sup> green up the road until you reach a path through the woods.. You should then drive, with caution, up the path to the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. Please be mindful of players playing the 7<sup>th</sup> and avoid severe slopes in driving to the 6<sup>th</sup> tee.

After completion of the 13<sup>th</sup> hole, please use the road to return to the Clubhouse.

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# GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB

*Chalfont Park, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 0QA*

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## Medical Certification

To:

The Secretary  
Gerrards Cross Golf Club  
Chalfont Park  
Gerrards Cross  
Buckinghamshire  
SL9 0QA

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 has a disability within the meaning of Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or any statutory modification thereof and is unable to play or has undue difficulty in playing golf without the use of a motorised ride-on golf buggy.

Signed .....

Date .....