



Penmaenmawr Golf Club

The Pavilion, Conwy Old Road, Dwygyfylchi, Conwy LL34 6RD

USE OF BUGGY POLICY

Use of 'Buggies' on the Golf course

Introduction:

Due to disability, some members and visitors may not be able to play golf without the help provided by a motorised 'buggy'. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all 'buggies' operated on the course at Penmaenmawr Golf Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the club considers applications for their use .

Qualifications:

Use of a 'buggy' will not be allowed unless authorised by the Club and will be restricted to members, visitors and guests having a genuine incapacity to play golf unless aided by the use of the buggy (See also 'Use in General Play and Competitions')

Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a 'buggy' on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. The safe operation of 'buggies' on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care described in this policy.

'Buggies' must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents :

- *Golf Buggy Safety Policy

- *Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form

In order that these conditions can in practice be met, the Club Secretary or their approved nominee must whenever possible be given prior notice of a requirement by a member, visitor or guest to use a 'buggy'. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if all the conditions stipulated are not complied with.

From time to time the Club 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 'buggy' is used .This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include waterlogged areas, frost etc. Where such conditions arise, the Club will review the situation on at least a twice daily basis .



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Use in general play and Competitions:

'Buggies' may be used during closed and open competitions by those suffering from a disability within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Legislation

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 users of a 'buggy'. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequate and 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 'buggies', who might be at risk from a mechanically defective 'buggy'. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using various rights of way.

To assist the safe use of 'buggies', all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

1. 'Buggies' on Penmaenmawr Golf Club property, are only for the use of members and visitors who are disabled within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Legislation.
2. '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. The signs and instructions on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas, or areas forbidden to 'buggies' because of concerns about danger, or the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.
4. 'Buggies' must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow.
5. 'Buggy' operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the time buggy is hired.
6. Penmaenmawr Golf Club has no responsibility for the safe operation of the 'Buggies' on or beyond the confines of the course and in the Club car park, other than those operated by their employees. The Club will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property or buggy, other than those arising from the negligent use of a 'buggy' by their employees.
7. No 'buggy' will be driven in excess of 8km per hour.
8. 'Buggies' shall only be used in daylight hours.
9. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using a 'buggy' is strictly forbidden.
10. The Green Keeper has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a 'buggy'. Application for reinstatement of permission to resume using a buggy can only be made to the 'Greens Committee'.



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Safe working practice:

'Buggy' drivers must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs.

Drivers must be over 17 yrs of age and have a driving licence.

Never allow children to drive the buggy.

Before use:

All drivers of 'buggies' must sign a 'Golf Buggy Safety Acknowledgement Form', before they are allowed to drive the buggy.

A '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.

During use:

1. Do not move off until occupants are seated.
2. Always remain seated and hold on while vehicle is in motion. Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
3. 'Buggies' must not be driven in prohibited areas.
4. 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.
5. The 'buggy' must not be used on tees, greens or slopes leading to them.
6. The 'buggy' must not be used within 2 metres of any bunker, ditches, ponds or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges.
7. Check the area behind you, before reversing.
8. Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.
9. Always consider the terrain as well as environmental factors, that may affect your ability to drive the 'buggy' safely.
10. Drive the 'buggy' only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
11. To avoid tipping over, drive the 'buggy' straight up and down severe slopes.
12. Slow down before corners.
13. All turns to be executed at reduced speed.
14. Avoid sudden stops or change of direction that may result in loss of control.
15. Be extra careful when the course is wet or muddy.

After use

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

Please leave in the designated area

Adopted

Signed Course Supervisor