



## **Golf Buggy & Trolley Policy**

The Cambridgeshire Golf Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course.

Due to the topography on certain holes and the clay-based nature of the Golf Course, caution must be shown by the user of golf buggies and trolleys. It is also necessary for The Cambridgeshire Golf Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use golf buggies. The Cambridgeshire Golf Club must also ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use golf buggies, but who might be at risk from careless use.

To assist the safe use of golf buggies, including personal and single seater buggies, all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

- Have read and understood the rules of operating a golf buggy at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club.
- No young persons under the age of 18, unless proof of a full UK driving licence, is permitted to operate a golf buggy.
- Golf buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for others.

### **Buggy & Trolley Restrictions:**

At certain times, the general condition of The Cambridgeshire Golf Club may not allow for the use of golf buggies & trolleys, and a ban on their use will be put in place.

When necessary, the Golf Course management will make the decision based on the safety of golfers, and if the Golf Course will incur any long-term agronomic damage.

However, when the general provision of ride on buggies has been suspended, The Cambridgeshire Golf Club recognises that some golfers may not wish to or are unable to play.

When certain restrictions apply, we would encourage golfers to carry their clubs, perhaps carrying fewer than normal. We do not wish to discriminate against any golfers and whilst we would encourage any golfer to carry in these circumstances, we appreciate this will not suit all players. Therefore, we have reviewed the course hole by hole and established a traffic light system for all golfers to follow accordingly.

Players who choose to use a buggy or a trolley, during restricted periods, will be allowed to do so, but may be required to use the 90-degree rule (see below), specific route, find a shortened course in operation and at times of hard frost may be limited to after this has thawed, e.g. after 11:00am.

With the 90-degree rule, you should walk down the side of the fairway (avoiding any lying water) to the distance where your golf ball is, and then either leave your equipment to play your shot or make a turn onto the fairway and head directly to your golf ball. The 90-degree rule ensures that you do not drive or take your trolley directly from the tee box straight to your golf ball.



## Traffic Light System for Buggy & Trolley Use

	Green	Amber	Red / Red+
<b>Buggies</b>	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18 (disabled person usage, 90-degree rule in place)	Holes 1, 2, 8, 9, and / or 10, 17 & 18 (disabled person usage, designated route)  Red+ – Based on a full assessment it is not deemed safe for usage on any holes
<b>Electric Trolleys</b>	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18 (90-degree rule in place)
<b>Pull Trolleys</b>	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18 (90-degree rule in place)
<b>Carry</b>	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18	Holes 1-18

The Cambridgeshire Golf Club will indicate if the course or a part of the course is not in a suitable/safe condition for use on that day.

This decision will be communicated through several methods:-

- The Intelligent Golf (IG) communication system for members & visitors
- Specific communication to those on the tee sheet who will be impacted, for example those who have reserved a golf buggy
- Via contacting the golf shop

This decision will be reviewed daily and all decisions are recorded.

All buggy users must, prior to use, agree to the policy and comments below. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.

- I have read the golf buggy policy at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club.
- I am aware of the areas I am able to take a golf buggy during these restricted use periods and will ensure they are strictly adhered to.
- I agree to indemnify The Cambridgeshire Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands against The Cambridgeshire Golf Club arising out of, or in connection with the use of a golf buggy during restricted times.



## Golf Buggy Rules of Operation

### BEFORE USE

- All operators of golf buggies must sign the golf buggy safety policy acknowledgement before they are allowed to use the buggy.
- A golf 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.
- Inexperienced users must be shown by a member of the Golf Shop the controls of the buggy and specific routes of travel (if applicable).
- Operators must know the following controls and be aware of how to use them:
  1. Ignition switch
  2. Parking brake
  3. Footbrake
  4. Forward / Reversing Controls
  5. Accelerator

### DURING USE

- 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.
- Golf buggies must not be driven in the extreme long rough / wild grasses areas.
- The vehicle 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 immediate approaches to them, e.g. the aprons of the greens or slopes surrounding them.
- The vehicles must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers or severe slope.
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
- Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle to play your next shot.
- 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.
- 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 in direction that may result in a loss of control.
- Be extra careful when the course is wet or raining.

### AFTER USE

When you have completed your round, please return to the buggy to the storage area, engage the parking brake, turn the key to the off position and return it to the Golf Shop or Golf Bar.