



# PRESTWICH GOLF CLUB

## Buggy Safety Policy

### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all ride-on buggies operated on the Course at Prestwich Golf Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be adopted and conditions to be met for their use.

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the Golf Course, including pedestrians using the Public Rights of way. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who may be at risk from mechanically defective or poorly maintained buggies or their careless use. Only electric buggies may be used on the course.

Buggy users should always utilise the buggy tracks as indicated in the attached diagram in order to minimise the risk of slipping or overturning on the more severe slopes..

To ensure the safety of all golf course users and members of the public, buggy drivers are required to comply with the following:

### Who can use a Golf Buggy

- Privately owned buggies may only be used with prior permission of the Club.
- No person under the age of 18 may operate a buggy.

### Where and When Buggies can be used.

- Buggies must not obstruct vehicles or pedestrians on roadways, ramps or pathways.
- Buggies must not be driven on or near any tees, greens or bunkers.
- Buggies should use buggy paths where provided and utilise the advisory buggy track routes.
- When the course is wet buggies should be driven in the rough to avoid damaging the fairways.
- Buggies should not be driven up and down fairways when searching for a ball.
- Buggies must not be driven within two metres of greens or tees and always utilise paths in these areas when provided.
- Ground Under Repair and Temporary Greens must be avoided at all times.
- The Club may prohibit the use of buggies when ground conditions are unsafe.
- There are no restrictions on the use of buggies in Club competitions.
- Buggies may only be used between dawn and dusk.

## Safe use of a Golf Buggy

- Buggy drivers are responsible for the security of the ignition key to prevent unauthorised use.
- Buggies must not be overloaded and no standing on a buggy while it is in motion.
- Drivers must be fully conversant with the controls of the buggy.
- Brakes should be applied gently to avoid skidding.
- Caution must be exercised when reversing or driving on slopes and inclines.
- Always apply the parking brake when leaving the buggy.
- Drive no faster than the terrain allows.
- Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
- The consumption of alcohol and / or the improper use of drugs when using a buggy are prohibited.

## Buggy Maintenance Insurance & Liability

- Users must ensure that they have the appropriate Insurance policy covering all liabilities arising from using their buggy on the course.
- Buggies, batteries and chargers must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.
- The Club have no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride on buggies on or beyond the confines of the course or the Club Car Park other than those operated by their servants or agents. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a buggy by their servants or agents.

By signing this document I confirm I am complying with the conditions of the P.G.C. Buggy Safety Policy.

P.G.C confirms that you have permission to use your buggy on the course.

Users Name: .....

Signature ..... Date .....



**BUGGY TRACKS**

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