

CARNALEA GOLF CLUB

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Buggy Policy

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all golf buggies operated on the course at Carnalea Golf Club. This also sets out the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met for their use. The Club has a number of buggies available for hire and they can be booked in advance on the web www.carnaleagolfclub.com or by telephoning the Club 02891270368. 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 unless it has been pre-booked. Please note that for all GUI competitions, buggy users must provide a medical certificate.

Privately Owned Buggies

A maximum of 8 privately owned vehicles are allowed to be stored on the club premises.

Privately owned buggies are for the sole use of the owner and one passenger only and under no circumstances are they to be lent or hired out to third parties. Further to this, the Club is deprived of rental income. Those who do not comply will lose their buggy privileges.

All privately owned buggy owners must be over 17 years of age and must provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000. The Buggy Owner may name one additional driver provided they are also fully insured to drive the buggy.

Users of privately owned buggies do so entirely at their own risk. Carnalea Golf Club will not accept liability for any loss or damage to the privately owned buggies or any other property arising from the negligence of the Club or any of its servants or agents.

To use a buggy, a member must write to Council seeking permission. Permission may be granted on an annual basis only and may or may not be renewed depending on the Club's requirement for storing buggies for hire.

Storage

There will be a charge for storage, subject to review annually (currently £50 electric, £30 petrol).

A limited number of spaces are available for storage of buggies on Club premises.

A limited number of charging facilities are available for electrically powered buggies.

Buggies are stored at the owner's risk.

If a member ceases to use a buggy, then it should be removed from the Club premises as soon as possible.

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Usage:

Before use

All operators of ride-on buggies, including privately owned buggies, must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement form before they are allowed to drive the buggy on the course.

Privately Owned Buggy Users must sign annually and Buggy Hire Users must sign each time they hire.

A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people authorised to use one.

During use

Buggy users should be aware at all times of possible distraction to other golfers and must observe good etiquette.

The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively.

The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or the slope leading up to them.

The vehicle must not be used within 5 metres of any green, bunker, ditch or slopes leading to them except when using the designated bridges or paths.

Direction signs must be observed.

The vehicle must not be driven between greens and bunkers.

Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.

Buggies should be driven up/down slopes to avoid tipping over.

Extreme care must be taken in the Car Park, on the entrance road to/from the Car Park, crossing the entrance road when going from 9th Green to 10th Tee and on the public right-of-way under the railway arch when starting/finishing the back 9 holes.

Extreme caution must be exercised when approaching the 6th Green where a direction sign indicates the path to be used at the far side of the slope.

On the 9th Hole, buggies must not be taken off the permanent path.

After use

When the vehicle is left unattended, please make sure that the parking brake is engaged, operating key is in the off position and the key removed from the ignition.

For hired buggies, the key should be returned to the Pro Shop on completion of the run or, if closed, to a member of the bar staff.

Hired buggies should be securely parked and clamped at the end of each day and set for overnight charging if possible.