



# Worcestershire County Golf Ltd

## Transportation Policy

This policy outlines the circumstance in which golf buggies may be used in Worcestershire County Golf Ltd. (WCG) competitions, matches and events.

### 1. USE OF EQUIPMENT (Rule 4.3A) – MOTORISED TRANSPORTATION

The use of motorised transportation in WCG events and activities is prohibited as set out in Model Local Rule G-6 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (January 2023) – “During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee”.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of the local rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

### 2. EQUIPMENT USED FOR MEDICAL REASONS (Rule 4.3b)

A golf buggy may be used by a player or a caddie where:

- a. A player or caddie submits a valid Medical Certificate, completed by the player’s doctor on headed paper, to the County Secretary no later than the closing date for the event (NB. late submissions will not be considered); and,

The Medical Certificate establishes that the player or caddie currently has a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 and that the use of a golf buggy is a reasonable adjustment considering that disability.

**OR**

- b. A player or caddie has established with their Home Club the right to use a buggy under Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 and the right has been confirmed to the County Secretary by the Home Club Secretary

The County Secretary will approve the request in writing (email) before the date of the relevant event. If a player wrongly submits a Medical Certificate containing misleading or untrue information, or if a player uses a buggy when not authorised, WCG reserves the right to disqualify that player from any event or activity and / or take disciplinary action where appropriate.

### **3. YOUNG PERSONS and THOSE not ABLE to DRIVE**

Where a player is under the age of 18 years and has met the criteria to use a golf buggy, the County Secretary or Junior Organiser may agree for the golf buggy to be driven by another person (not parent or guardian but with parental consent)

Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, they may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them with the approval of the County Secretary.

### **4. INSURANCE**

In most cases the buggy will be provided by the host Club. It is incumbent upon the Club to ensure that there is an appropriate policy of insurance covering third-party liabilities and the terms of use have been communicated to the user of the buggy.

If the buggy is owned by the person using it, there must be in force an appropriate policy of insurance covering all third-party liabilities. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the buggy conforms to the host Club's Health & Safety requirements

### **5. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Where the use of a buggy has been authorised, a final decision on use may be made on the day of the event or activity considering:

- any relevant weather conditions;
- the topography and ground conditions;
- the condition and suitability of the golf buggy being provided; and,
- any other factors that might affect the safe use of the golf buggy or impact on the safety of others.

Where the safe use of a golf buggy is questioned the player, caddie or third parties will be informed, and a decision will be reached on buggy use following discussion with the host Club.

This may include:

- revoking the permission to use a buggy for the event or activity;
- delaying the use of the buggy (i.e., allowing condition to improve by rearranging the players start time); or,
- limiting the buggy use to safe managed areas, e.g. paths and fairways.

### **6. USE OF GOLF BUGGIES**

It is the responsibility of the player, caddie or third-party to source their own appropriate golf buggy. WCG expects the player, caddie or third party to use the buggy in a reasonable and safe manner and in accordance with any guidance provided by the buggy owner (host Club). In

addition the player, caddie or third-party must consider the following factors when using a buggy:

- the safety of other players, caddies, WCG officials and spectators;
- that a buggy should give way to pedestrians
- that a buggy should not impede any other user on the course
- that the speed of the buggy should be limited kept to a minimum (walking pace)

The buggy is for the sole use of the player and his/ her equipment. Transporting of another player and / or their equipment is prohibited – The general penalty will apply to the player being transported for every instance (Strokeplay – 2 shots; Matchplay – loss of hole).