



Staddon Heights Golf Club

# **RIDE ON GOLF BUGGY & TROLLEY USE POLICY**

## **1. Introduction**

It is the aim of Staddon Heights Golf Club to provide an attractive, impressive, enjoyable and challenging golf course, set and maintained to recognised and established high standards that enables golf to be played 'near all year round.'

This document sets out an acceptable standard for the safe and responsible use of ride on buggies and trolleys being operated within the confines of Staddon heights Golf Club.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all members, visitors and guests.

## **3. Authority on restrictions**

Authority to restrict or suspend the use of buggies' rests with the Green Committee, Club Manager or Officers of the Club. In the absence of these officials the head green-keeper or his representative is authorised to make all such decisions.

The club manager is responsible for ensuring that all decisions restricting or suspending the use of buggies are promptly made known to the membership via the club website, email and course signage.

## **4. Course Closure or Restrictions**

The club will not impose course closures, buggy or trolley bans unless absolutely necessary, however during adverse course conditions members who are able to do so are strongly encouraged to carry their clubs. Furthermore during adverse ground conditions in order to help ensure that trolley use remains allowable for as long as possible members may wish to consider investing in a set of winter wheels or Gliders (available via the pro shop) which are proven to minimise damage to the ground.



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### 5. Equality Act 2010

Disability shall have the same meaning as section 6 of the Equality Act 2010. A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Any decision taken by authorised club officials or staff to restrict or ban the use of buggies/trolleys by disabled members or guests shall be the option of last resort and will only be taken after all possible reasonable alternatives have been actively considered, approved and put in place, or justifiably discounted on Health & Safety grounds.

Furthermore once restrictions or bans have been put in place the club official or member of staff responsible shall undertake regular inspections in order to ensure that buggy/trolley bans or restrictions are minimised or removed at the first possible opportunity.

The senior club official or member of staff responsible for making these decisions will maintain a record supporting such decisions for use as evidence in the unlikely event of a claim against the club for unfair discrimination.

### 6. Course categories:

**RED:** Course Closed.

**REDAMBER:** No Buggies are permitted, due to Health & Safety reasons.

Electric Trolleys are permitted. However, members who can do so are strongly encouraged to carry or use push/pull trolleys.

**AMBER:** Dual seat hire buggies NOT permitted.

Subject to annual completion of Annex B (Ride on Golf Buggy User Agreement Form), Proof of Insurance cover and a valid confirmation of disability; single Seat Owner operated "Disability/Mobility Buggies" are permitted.

Electric Trolleys are permitted. However, members who can do so are strongly encouraged to carry or use push/pull trolleys.

**GREEN:** No Restrictions.



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### **7. Buggy specific requirements**

All buggy use shall be undertaken in accordance with:

- a. This document
- b. Golf buggy conditions of use - see Annex A attached
- c. Golf Buggy user agreement form – see Annex B attached

Any person who operates a ride on buggy is deemed to have the knowledge and driving skill necessary to operate such a vehicle safely and as such in the event of an accident they will be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

### **8. Care and Common Sense**

During the winter months there will be times when it can be quite slippery underfoot, therefore we expect our members and visitors to navigate their way around the course with care and common sense.

Wear the appropriate golf footwear for the conditions; be mindful at all times of where you walk and take your trolleys; avoid steep slopes and take alternative routes where possible.

Do not spin your electric trolley wheels on the course at anytime in an attempt to try and clean them – this severely damages the course and makes it very difficult for the management team to justify the use of electric trolleys throughout the winter period.

### **9. Health and Safety Requirements**

At Staddon Heights Golf Club responsibility for ensuring the correct maintenance, pre-use daily inspection and correct operation of club provided ride on golf buggies ultimately rests with the Committee. However, for practical purposes day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Clubs PGA professional.

Responsibility for the correct maintenance, pre-use inspection, safe operation and provision of adequate insurance cover for all owner/operator "Disability/Mobility Buggies" rests solely with the owner/operator. As a condition of use owner/operators of "Disability/Mobility Buggies" must on an annual basis:

1. Complete Annex B – Ride on Golf Buggy User Agreement Form.
2. Provide evidence of insurance.
3. Provide a valid confirmation of disability (as provided by a registered General Practitioner or Consultant)



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### **10. Sanctions**

Members or visitors who fail to comply with this policy will be subject to sanction by the Management Committee.



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### Annex A

# RIDE ON BUGGY CONDITIONS OF USE

ALL PERSONS USING A RIDE ON GOLF BUGGY AT STADDON HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB MUST READ AND FULLY ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF USE:

1. Drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
2. Drivers must be aged 17 years or above and hold a valid provisional or full driving licence.
3. Buggies must not drive into areas of the course where signage signifies otherwise.
4. When on the course buggies should keep to the rough and as far as possible avoid fairways and the fringes of green.
5. Buggies must not be driven near to tees or green.
6. Keep well away from water hazards, ditches and bunkers.
7. Do not move off until all occupants are seated.
8. Always remain seated and keep hands and feet inside the buggy whilst in motion.
9. When it is necessary to reverse ensure that it is safe to do so.
10. Be aware of the terrain, other vehicles, pedestrians and ground conditions at all times.
11. Buggies must be operated with the upmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety of pedestrians.
12. Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction.
13. Slow down before turning and always go up and down slopes slowly and in a direct line.
14. Do not transverse steep slopes.
15. Exercise extreme care during adverse ground and weather conditions.

Persons using a ride on buggy at Staddon Heights Golf Club by signing the "Ride On Golf Buggy User Agreement Form" accept full responsibility for any damage caused to the buggy, the course and property or persons arising from their operation of the buggy and fully acknowledge that Staddon Heights Golf Club shall carry no responsibility for any such damage.

Drivers who fail to fully comply with these conditions of use will be subject to sanction by the Management Committee.

Please note: Club members are required to complete the "Ride On Golf Buggy User Agreement Form" once per year.



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Annex B

## RIDE ON GOLF BUGGY USER AGREEMENT FORM

Any person who operates a ride on buggy is deemed to have to have the knowledge, training and driving skill necessary to operate such a ride on golf buggy safely and will be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

The safe operation of buggies requires the conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standards specified in the ride on buggy conditions of use document.

Name of user: \_\_\_\_\_ Buggy number or make: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In signing this form I acknowledge that:

1. I have read and agree to fully abide by the Staddon Heights Golf Club "Ride On Golf Buggy Conditions of Use"
2. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the safe operation of the buggy.
3. I am aware of the areas I am not permitted to take the buggy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_