



TRANSPORTATION - THE USE OF GOLF BUGGIES (SINGLE AND TWO-SEATER)

Policy Amendment – 24th August 2022

POLICY CONTEXT

R&A Rules 2-14 states: The use of golf buggies (ie ride-on motorised vehicles) during a competition is permitted in the conditions of the competition. Brinkworth Golf Club supports the policy of the R&A to encourage golfers with physical difficulties to play the game if at all possible and recognise that the use of a buggy can greatly assist many in doing so.

LOCAL RULE

In considering all the issues surrounding the use of a buggy, the Committee has decided that golf buggies, including privately-owned golf buggies, may be used in club competitions at Brinkworth Golf Club subject to the following competition conditions:

1. CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 1.1. It shall be a condition of entry to any Club competition that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by the Rules of England Golf Transportation Policy and those of the R&A and Brinkworth Golf Members Committee (The Committee).
- 1.2. A golf buggy shall be for the sole use of the player and his/her equipment unless a member of The Committee has deemed that for reason of age or disability a third party is required to drive the golf buggy.
- 1.3. The use of golf buggies, including privately owned golf buggies, will only be permitted for competitors in these competitions after they have requested and been granted a Medical Exemption (ME) in writing from The Committee specifically from The Competition Secretary (who may refer back to the main Committee). The request for permission to use a buggy during a competition must be received before the closing date for the competition they wish to enter.
- 1.4. A copy of the ME may be held on file for as long as it is in effect.

NOTE: A competitor may request a ME for either a permanent or time-limiting clinical condition or due to their physical limitations associated with the ageing process.
- 1.5. A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third person who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must have adequate personal and third-party insurance. This is the Players sole responsibility and not that of The Committee.

2. EXCEPTIONS

- 2.1 The only occasions whereby a golfer will be refused permission to use a buggy in such a club competition is when, after assessment of ground conditions, the Club Management staff determine that the state of the course or the weather is such that



safety of the condition of the course may be unacceptably compromised if a ride-on buggy is used by anyone. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include but are not limited to water logging, frost, etc. Where such conditions arise, the Club Management Staff will review the situation on a regular basis. The decision of The Club Management Staff in this respect will be final and no appeal may be made to The Committee.

- 2.2 The Club Management only have a limited numbers of buggies available to members and visitors alike. Allocation will be on a first come basis and no appeal can be made to The Committee if there are insufficient Buggies to meet the demand for any competition.
- 2.3 The policy does NOT apply to any competitions specifically listed by the Committee as 'Buggies Allowed'; generally Texas Scrambles and fun Competitions or the Seniors and Ladies only Section competitions unless any of these groups wish to adopt it.