



MOLD GOLF CLUB

Golf Buggy Policy

Master policy document — governs the use of ride-on buggies at Mold Golf Club

SECTION 1 — INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Due to disability or personal circumstances, some members and visitors may not be able to play golf without the help of a motorised ride-on buggy. Others do not have a medical need but prefer to use a buggy. In both instances, the use of a buggy is permitted under the rules set out in this policy; priority will, however, always be given to users with a stated medical or physical need.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all ride-on buggies used on the course at Mold Golf Club, and to set out the criteria and conditions that apply when the Club considers applications for their use.

SECTION 2 — QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1 All drivers must be 18 years of age or over.
- 2.2 All users must hold a valid full driving licence.
- 2.3 Anyone wishing to use a buggy on the course will be required to read and sign the Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form, which forms part of this policy. This is to be re-signed annually.
- 2.4 If at any time an individual has their driving licence temporarily withdrawn by the DVLA, they must notify the Club, as they will not be permitted to drive a buggy during this period.
- 2.5 Ride-on buggies are available for rent from the Club. Alternatively, applicants may use their own four-wheeled buggies but will be required to provide a copy of their buggy insurance policy.
- 2.6 Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a ride-on buggy on the golf course is deemed, by doing so, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle, and to be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. Staff may suspend buggy use in the event of misuse.
- 2.7 The safe operation of ride-on buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the standard of care prescribed by this policy. Ride-on buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents:
 - Golf Buggy Safety Policy
 - Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice
 - Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form
- 2.8 The Club reserves the right to refuse permission to use a buggy if any or all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.
- 2.9 All buggies must be booked via the Pro Shop / Reception, and any cancellations notified in advance.
- 2.10 Club staff may impose restrictions governing the use of a ride-on buggy on the course where it is judged that either the safe operation of a ride-on buggy, or the condition of the course, may be unacceptably compromised. This may apply to the whole or part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include waterlogging, frost, snow, etc.

SECTION 3 — GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by the user of a ride-on buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers, including those given permission to use buggies. Moreover, the Club must ensure the safety of golfers and members of the public using any rights of way who do not wish to use ride-on buggies, but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use.

To assist the safe use of ride-on buggies, all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions. All users must be aware of, and follow, all signage and directional arrows on the course:

- 3.1 Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must always be afforded the right of way.
- 3.2 In the interest of safety, access to the course for those using ride-on buggies is limited. The signs and instructions used on the course to warn buggy users of areas of potential danger, or forbidden areas, must always be followed. The Club will provide a

map showing what access is available, the routes that must be used, and any obvious dangers on the course. Individuals must carry and refer to this map whenever using a ride-on buggy on the course.

- 3.3** There may be occasional times, relating to course conditions or weather, where Mold Golf Club staff temporarily suspend the use of buggies, both hired and private, on the grounds of course protection, or because the safe operation of a ride-on buggy in the current conditions is deemed dangerous. If asked to do so, you must cease use of a buggy immediately.
- 3.4** Ride-on buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on roadways, ramps or pavements.
- 3.5** Ride-on buggy operators are responsible for the security of the vehicle whilst in use on the course and must prevent unauthorised use. Only the signatory may drive the buggy — not passengers, unless they have also signed the Safety Acknowledgement Form.
- 3.6** Mold Golf Club is responsible for providing buggies that are fit for use and correctly maintained. It is the responsibility of approved users to notify staff of any problems with a buggy owned by the Club.
- 3.7** Mold Golf Club has no responsibility for the maintenance of privately owned buggies operated on or beyond the confines of the course and the Club car parks. Members and visitors operating their own buggies are responsible for ensuring that their buggy is fit for use and correctly maintained.
- 3.8** The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury caused, other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride-on buggy by its servants or agents.
- 3.9** Operators must ensure they drive at the appropriate speed for the conditions, course terrain and undulation.
- 3.10** Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk and cannot be hired before 8:00 am.
- 3.11** Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common 'rules of the road', regardless of whether they are used on pavements or roadways.
- 3.12** Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- 3.13** Staff have the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using a ride-on buggy. A written report will be submitted to Club management, and any application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to Club management.
- 3.14** If no buggies are allowed on the course due to course conditions, this applies to all buggies, including those privately owned.
- 3.15** Only staff are to park and plug in buggies in the buggy compound.

SECTION 4 — SAFE WORKING PRACTICE FOR RIDE-ON BUGGIES

4.1 General

- 4.1.1** Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 4.1.2** Never allow children, or an unauthorised person, to drive the ride-on buggy.

4.2 Before Use

- 4.2.1** All operators of ride-on buggies must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form before they are allowed to drive the buggy.
- 4.2.2** The Club's buggies are available for rental from the Professional Shop and can be booked in advance.
- 4.2.3** Club buggies are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to those most in need who are encouraged to book in good time.
- 4.2.4** Buggies should only be used by the individual authorised to use them, and should not, under any circumstances, be used to offer a lift to any other individual.
- 4.2.5** Professional Shop staff will provide comprehensive instruction on the safe operation and use of the Club's buggies.

4.3 During Use

- 4.3.1** Do not move off until you and your passenger are seated.
- 4.3.2** Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
- 4.3.3** Do not exceed the maximum number of users.
- 4.3.4** Standing on the back of a buggy is strictly forbidden.
- 4.3.5** Hands, feet and head must always be kept inside the buggy while the vehicle is in motion.
- 4.3.6** The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven off the approved routes to look for golf balls.
- 4.3.7** Ride-on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas or down steep slopes.
- 4.3.8** The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens, or the slopes leading up to them.
- 4.3.9** The vehicle must not be taken inside any white line protecting the approach to a green.
- 4.3.10** The vehicle must not be used within 5 metres of any greens, bunkers, ditches or ponds, or the slopes leading to them.
- 4.3.11** Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing and reverse slowly.
- 4.3.12** Always turn the key to 'off' before leaving the vehicle.
- 4.3.13** Do not park on steep hills.

- 4.3.14** Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions, and any environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely.
- 4.3.15** Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
- 4.3.16** To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes.
- 4.3.17** Slow down before corners and execute all turns at reduced speed.
- 4.3.18** Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
- 4.3.19** Brake and accelerate gently and progressively.
- 4.3.20** Please contact the Club immediately if you need further support or direction, are involved in an accident, experience a breakdown, or cause damage to the buggy or course.

4.4 After Use

- 4.4.1** Club buggies are to be returned to the Professional Shop. If the Professional Shop is closed, the keys are to be handed in to the bar.
- 4.4.2** Report any accident, damage, fault or breakdown using the Incident and Accident Report Form, or by scanning the QR code available in the clubhouse.

SECTION 5 — POLICY AMENDMENT RECORD

Each time this policy is reviewed or updated, a member of staff should sign and date below to acknowledge the change.

Policy Date	Staff Signature	Print Name	Initials
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