

Ramsey Golf Club Golf Buggy Hire Terms and Conditions

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all buggies operated at the Club. The document sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for the hiring of golf buggies to visitors and Members.

QUALIFICATION

Any person who chooses to operate a buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. The safe operation of buggies on the course requires care and adherence to the minimum standard prescribed by this policy.

Buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs. Never allow children to operate the buggy. Only persons aged 16 years or over in possession of a current Provisional or full Driving Licence for a car or motorcycle may operate a buggy (unless otherwise advised by Club representative).

GENERAL USE

All operators of buggies will be considered to have understood this Terms & Conditions of Use of Golf Buggy Policy.

- Please follow written and/or verbal instructions where the buggies may or may not travel.
- Any signs or instructions on the course warning of potential danger areas, or areas forbidden to buggies because of concerns about the danger, or the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear of the course must be followed at all times.
- Buggies can only be used for a maximum of two persons and two sets of golf clubs.
- Ride-on buggies must not be used on the areas of the course where prohibitive signs are placed.
- The vehicle must not be driven on tees and greens, nor driven within ten yards of the approach to the green. When approaching the green please drive the buggy into the rough and not on the closely mown greens surround.
- The buggy should not be driven near or on the edge of ponds, streams and bunkers except when crossing designated points or bridges.
- Do not move off until the occupants are seated.
- Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
- Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
- Feet are not to be placed on the dashboard of the buggy at any time by driver or any passenger.
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
- Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.
- Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely.
- Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow, slowing down before corners. All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.
- Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
- Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy.

COMPETITIONS

Buggies may be used during general rounds, Club and open competitions unless stated.

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 buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide an adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use buggies, but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use. To assist the safe employment of buggies, all potential users (members and visitors) are requested to comply with the following conditions:

- Buggies are only for the use of members and visitors.
- Buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of way at all times.

OPERATION

Assistance with/guidance on the operation of buggies can be obtained from a staff member.

Buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys. Buggies are not permitted to be driven outside the boundary (including the practice range) of the Club and not to be taken on the Public Highway (apart from crossing the lane for access to other areas of the course). The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any person or property if a buggy is driven outside the boundary of the Club nor for ensuring the safe operation of buggies beyond the confines of the course and the Club car-parks.

When you have finished using the buggy please turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and engage the parking brake. Return the key to the Clubhouse.