

# Caldy Golf Club

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## Ride-on Buggy Policy

### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all ride-on buggies operated on the Course at Caldby Golf Club. This document also sets down the criteria to be adopted and conditions to be met for their use and should be read in conjunction with the Ride-On Buggy Guideline Route document

### Club Buggies

The Club has a number of buggies available for hire and they can be booked in advance, by telephoning the Professional on 0151 625 1818. Any booking is subject to restrictions that may be imposed owing to the condition of the Course. No guarantee can be given that a buggy will be available unless it has been pre-booked.

**Members, Visitors and Guests must** complete a Ride-on Buggy Policy, Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form in the Professional Shop on each occasion. Appropriate insurance is covered on the Professionals Policy

### Privately Owned Ride-on Buggies

**Members** suffering from a disability within the meaning of section 6 of The Equality Act 2010, can apply to use a ride-on buggy by submitting a completed Ride-on Buggy Policy Acknowledgement Form to the General Manager, a medical certificate signed by a registered General Practitioner confirming that they are unable to play a full round of golf without the use of a buggy. This dispensation applies solely to the disabled or authorised player and "able bodied playing partners" are strictly forbidden to utilise this facility during Competition Play. Members must also provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000 (one million pounds).

**Visitors / Guests** can apply to use a ride-on buggy by completing a Ride-on Buggy Policy Acknowledgement Form in the Professional Shop. Visitors / Guests must also provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000 (one million pounds).

### Qualifications:

Use of a ride-on buggy will not be allowed unless authorised by the Professional shop or the General Manager. Any person who operates a ride-on buggy on the Golf Course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.

The General Manager or the Professional Shop reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not met. The General Manager or Professional Shop also reserves the right to withdraw authorisation of a buggy if the medical condition or disability necessitating the use of a ride-on buggy ceases, or, the conditions for its use are not fully met.

# Conditions of Use

## Buggy Restrictions

The Club staff may determine that the state of the Course or the weather is such that safety on or the condition of the Course may be unacceptably compromised if a ride-on buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the Course. Where such conditions arise, the Club's staff will review the situation on a daily basis. Disabled golfers are advised to check the Course status before their visit.

The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with. It is Club policy that if the whole course or part of the course is open, ride on buggies may be used.

In exceptional weather conditions, the Head Greenkeeper, Club Professional or Club General Manager may determine that unrestricted use of Buggies will, or is likely to, cause significant damage to the course. In these circumstances, buggy restrictions will apply. Buggies will then be permitted, but only to those people who have a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act. Such persons must have lodged with the General Manager, a Medical Certificate signed by a registered General Practitioner confirming that they are unable to play a full round of golf without the use of a buggy.

## General Play and Competitions

The use of Ride-On buggies in competition play by able bodied members will only be permitted by *prior* approval from the Chairman of Handicap by e-mail to [handicap@caldygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:handicap@caldygolfclub.co.uk). In the absence of the Chairman of Handicap, the General Manager may also grant permission.

## 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 has to ensure the safety of golfers 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 employment of ride-on buggies all potential users (members, visitors and guests) shall comply with the following conditions:

- Ride-on buggies on Caldy Golf Club property are only for the use of members, green fee-paying visitors, entrants in competitions or another person so authorised by either the General Manager or the Professional.
- Ride-on buggies must not be driven across the patio in front of the clubhouse to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee or the course under any circumstances.
- Ride-on 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.
- The signs and instructions employed on the Course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to ride-on buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the Course, must be followed at all times.
- 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.
- Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of the buggy for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by the Club.

- Caldy Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride-on buggies on or beyond the confines of the Course and the club car-parks other than those operated by their servants or agents. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride-on buggy by their servants or agents.
- No ride-on buggy will be operated in excess of what is safe in the circumstances. All speed limits must be observed. When the ground is wet, muddy, or negotiating narrow bridges or routes, the maximum permissible speed is walking pace. Operators must however ensure that they drive at the appropriate speed and in the appropriate manner for the prevailing conditions.
- Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
- Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common` rules of the road regardless of whether ride-on buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
- Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
- The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs are not permitted when using the ride-on buggy.
- If in the opinion of the General Manager or Professional a person is in an unfit condition to use a buggy; he/she has the authority to immediately prohibit any such person from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy. A written report will be submitted to the Clubs Board. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Board of the Club.

### **Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice / Conditions of Use**

- Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs
- Never allow children to drive the ride-on buggy
- Persons driving a buggy must be over 17 years of age and hold a full valid driving license
- Persons using a privately-owned buggy must provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000 (one million pounds)

### **Before use**

- All operators of ride-on buggies, including privately owned buggies, must sign a Ride-on Buggy Policy, Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form before they are permitted to drive the buggy.
- All operators of ride-on buggies, including privately owned buggies must make themselves aware of the Ride-on Buggy Guideline route and Map.
- A ride-on buggy must only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.

### **During use**

- 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
- Ride-on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas
- The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g., when looking for golf balls
- The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them
- Between green and bunkers
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- Always 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
- To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes
- Slow 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

## **After Use**

When the vehicle is left un-attended, please make sure that the parking brake is engaged, operating key is in the off position and the key removed from the ignition.

## **Privately Owned Buggies**

- Privately owned buggies are for the sole use of the owner only and under no circumstances should they to be lent or hired out to third parties.
- All private buggy owners must be over 17 years of age and hold a full valid driving license.
- All private buggy owners must annually, provide a copy of a valid certificate of insurance providing cover for third party risk of at least £1,000,000 (one million pounds)
- Users of privately-owned buggies do so entirely at their own risk. Caldry Golf Club will not accept liability for any loss or damage to the privately-owned buggies or any other property arising from the negligence of the Club or any of its servants or agents.

## **Administration**

### **Privately Owned Single / Double Seat Buggies,**

The General Manager will maintain a register and retain on file, a fully completed and signed "Ride-On Buggy Policy Acknowledgement Form", together with Medical Certification evidence (as required), policy details of appropriate insurance cover.

The Golf Professional shop is in possession of an up to date copy of the register of Authorised Buggy Users for whom documents are held on file and to whom authorisation has been granted for use of a Privately-Owned Buggy.

### **Visitors / Guests**

The Professional Shop will complete and maintain a register of completed Ride-On Buggy Acknowledgment Forms.

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