



Addington Palace Golf Club

Golf Buggy Policy &

Use of Ride-on Buggies on the Golf Course



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 Addington Palace Golf Club. (The Club).

The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met for their use.

The club has a number of buggies available for hire, and they can be booked, in advance, by calling the Pro Shop on 0208 654 3061 (opt 1). Any booking is subject to restrictions that may be imposed owing to the condition of the course or eligibility. No guarantee can be given that a buggy will be available unless it has been pre-booked.

Qualifications:

In normal conditions there is no restriction on the use of ride on buggies other than in certain areas of the course (see Conditions of Use).

In some circumstances however it may be necessary to restrict their use.

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 this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.

The safe operation of ride-on buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum 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 / Conditions of Use**
- **Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement / Disclaimer Form**

The Club reserves the right to refuse permission to use a buggy if all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with. In exceptional weather conditions, the Greens Staff or the Professional may determine that unrestricted use of Buggies will be unsafe and contravene the Club's Health & Safety Policy for the use of buggies. In these circumstances, buggy restrictions will apply.

Golf Buggy Safety Policy

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of the course is such that the user of a ride-on buggy must show caution and prudence. 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 their careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using any rights of way on the course or on our property.

To assist the safe use of ride-on buggies all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

- Ride-on buggies at Addington Palace Golf Club are only for the use of members, green fee paying visitors, entrants in competitions or other persons so authorised by the Club.

- 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.
- Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of the buggy during the period of hire.
- 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 employees or agents.
- Operators must ensure that they drive at the appropriate speed and in the appropriate manner for the prevailing conditions.
- The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using the ride-on buggy is strictly prohibited.
- If in the opinion of the Managers or the Professional a person is in an unfit condition to use a buggy; she/he has the authority to immediately prohibit any such person from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy.
- Operators must comply with the safety instructions displayed on the inside of the buggy's windscreen.

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 18 years of age or over and have a valid driving licence.

Before Use

- All owner / operators of ride-on buggies must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement form before they are allowed to drive their buggy on the course.
- All owner / operators of ride-on buggies must display and comply with the safety instructions displayed on the inside of the ride-on buggy windscreen.
- A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
- All owner / operators of ride-on buggies must report to the Pro shop before accessing the course to check the course status.
- All owner / operators of ride-on buggies must start from the official starting points – the 1st and 10th tees only.

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
- 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 driven on tees, greens or in the uncut rough.
- Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- Always set the parking brake (If installed) before leaving the vehicle even on flat ground.

- Comply with the safety instructions displayed on the inside of the buggy's windscreen.
- 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 slopes, not across them.
- 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.
- Brake gently and progressively.