



Great Hadham Country Club

Buggy and Trolley Policy

1. The Golf Club reserves the right to require a confidential written medical confirmation of a golfer's disability (disability as defined under the terms of the Equality Act 2010).
2. All golf buggies must be operated (driven) in accordance with the Club Golf Buggy Safety Policy and Safe Operating Procedures.
4. All golf buggies must be checked before use for fuel / electric charge (sufficient to last a whole golf round), brakes (working properly) and damage (which may affect the buggy safety).
5. Club golf buggies will receive a maintenance check by the Club mechanic on a regular basis – any faulty buggies will be removed from use until repaired / replaced.
6. All users of golf buggies must read and sign the Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form before using a golf buggy.
7. All golf buggy drivers must be over 18 years of age and able to drive / stop / control a buggy at all times and must hold a valid driving license.
8. The consumption of alcohol or improper use of medically required drugs is not permitted when using golf buggies.
9. The Golf Club reserves the right to refuse permission to use a golf buggy/trolleys if all the conditions stipulated are not complied with or they believe the disability necessitating the use of a golf buggy/Trolley has ceased or the conditions for its continued usage are no longer fully complied with.
10. Disabled buggy drivers are encouraged to take a working mobile telephone with them which can be used to call for help / assistance when on the golf course (consideration should be given to providing two-way radios where mobile telephone signals do not work / are weak or when the disabled driver does not possess a mobile device).
11. The Golf Club reserves the right not to permit passengers in golf buggies driven by disabled golfers in certain conditions to help decrease the impact on the course (extra weight and travel distances).
12. In the interest of Health & Safety - the use of a golf buggy/trolley in hazardous conditions (wet weather, water logged, snow / icy weather, fog / mist , high winds etc) can be restricted / banned by the Golf Club on the whole course or parts of the course.
13. Disabled buggy/trolley drivers must be instructed to always stop the buggy/trolley and apply the brake on a flat / safe surface away from slopes, banks, steps, water hazards and any other applicable hazards and to comply with the 90 degree rule where possible.

14. At times of buggy prohibition, only disabled golf players authorised to use a golf buggy/trolley (sometimes with provision of a medical certificate) will be permitted to do so, providing the prohibition is not on the grounds of safety, when all buggy/trolley use will be prohibited regardless of medical status. On these occasions the buggy/trolley user must adhere to the designated route available from the Mangers / Reception Office / Course marshal or the Pro-Shop

15. As with all golf buggy/trolley users – the correct footwear, course etiquette and buggy/trolley driving rules stipulated in the Golf Club rules must be **complied with at all times**.

16. At times of buggy/trolley prohibition - a daily assessment (sometimes more frequently as required) will be made by the Golf Club and the golf holes / routes deemed unsafe to play using a buggy/trolley will be noted (considering weather conditions, ground conditions, the topography and the suitability of the golf buggies/trolleys).

19. As a result of the daily assessment – the Golf Club will provide a route guide for disabled golf buggy/trolley users which will inform them as to what access is available, which routes to take the buggies/trolleys, highlight the hazards / dangers and will inform which holes are closed on that day.