



Warwickshire Ladies County Golf Association

TRANSPORTATION POLICY/USE OF BUGGIES

1. Aim of Policy

- 1.1 The Policy is the Transportation Policy set by Warwickshire Ladies' County Golf Association ("hereinafter referred to as WLCGA") as from 1st April 2009. It sets out the circumstances in which **golf buggies** may be used in events organised and managed by the WLCGA.
- 1.2 The WLCGA wishes to encourage the participation in golf of all players with disabilities. This Policy is in accordance with the English Women's Golf Association's obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this policy any reference to "golf buggy" shall include any vehicle deemed to be a golf buggy by the WLCGA Committee.
- 1.4 For the purposes of this Policy any reference to a "member of the Committee" shall refer to any member of the WLCGA Committee with responsibility for taking a decision on the use of a golf buggy.
- 1.5 For the purpose of this policy, any reference to disability shall mean a physical or mental impairment that has a sustained and long term effect.
- 1.6 For the purposes of this Policy, valid medical confirmation of disability shall mean a valid current medical certificate from a medical practitioner, stating the extent and effect of the disability, together with any additional information that a Committee member considers necessary in the circumstances.
- 1.7 This Policy has been prepared solely for the WLCGA.

2. Who may use a golf buggy

- 2.1 It shall be a condition of any competition organised by the WLCGA that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permitted to ride by a member of the Committee, in accordance with the WLCGA Transportation Policy. The penalty for a breach of this condition is detailed under the specimen Condition on pages 146 of the English edition of the 2008-2011 Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.
- 2.2 A golf buggy may be used by a player who:
- (a) can provide a valid current medical certificate of disability in accordance with this Policy; and
 - (b) has requested permission to use a golf buggy in writing by the closing date for that competition; and
 - (c) has obtained written permission to use a golf buggy from a member of the Committee 14 days in advance of play or, if this advance permission is not possible, on the day of proposed play.
- 2.3 For disabled players under the age of eighteen years a member of the Committee shall reserve the right to specify that the golf buggy is driven by another person of that Committee member's choice.
- 2.4 A golf buggy may be used by a caddie who:
- (a) can provide a valid current medical certificate of disability in accordance with this Policy; and
 - (b) has requested permission to use a golf buggy in writing by the closing date for that competition; and
 - (c) has obtained written permission to use a golf buggy from a member of the Committee 14 days in advance of play or, if this advance permission is not possible, on the day of proposed play.

2.5 In the event that a player has no valid current medical certificate then a member of the Committee may still permit the player to use a golf buggy if he/she deems the use of a golf buggy appropriate and necessary in the circumstances as a result of the player's physical impairment.

2.6 In cases where a player is permitted to use a golf buggy but, due to the nature of the disability, is unable to drive the golf buggy, then a second person shall, at the discretion of a member of the Committee, be entitled to drive the buggy on the player's behalf

2.7 In cases where a member of the Committee refuses to permit the use of a golf buggy then he/she shall inform the player of the decision, the reasons for it, and the right to appeal this refusal to the WLCGA Committee in accordance with this Policy.

3. Conditions for use of a golf buggy

3.1 A player or any other person authorised by WLCGA to use a golf buggy:

- a) must comply with all necessary terms and conditions, written or verbal, set by the golf club on whose course the buggy is to be used.
- b) must ensure, for the purposes of health and safety, that the golf club on whose course the buggy is to be used, consents to the use of a golf buggy on the day of its intended use - even if they have received authorisation from WLCGA.
- c) must operate the buggy with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of others and in accordance with any relevant golf buggy operating guidelines.
- d) does so at their own risk and must accept responsibility for any losses or injury sustained whilst using a golf buggy.
- e) shall not allow any other player to ride on the buggy or to carry any other player's clubs and equipment on the buggy.
- f) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (and any other person who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must have adequate personal and third party insurance.
- g) Any person operating a golf buggy must be over the age of 18 years on the day of the competition and must have a valid DVLA or equivalent driving licence.

3.2 Any person granted permission to use a golf buggy must agree to the conditions contained in 3.1 above by signing the WLCGA Golf Buggy Usage Authorisation/Consent Form before play.

4.0 Appeals Procedure

4.1 Any decision by a WLCGA Committee member refusing a player permission to use a golf buggy can be appealed by the player to the Appeals Committee.

4.2 The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members of the WLCGA Committee.

4.3 The player may lodge an appeal in writing setting out her reasons for the Committee Members decision to be reconsidered.

4.4 The appeals procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) Upon receipt of an appeal the WLCGA Committee shall appoint the Appeals Committee.
- (b) The Appeals Committee shall consider evidence from the player concerned who will be entitled to attend and present her case personally.

4.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding and shall be communicated to the player as soon as possible.



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GOLF BUGGY USAGE

Part 1 - WLCGA AUTHORISATION

WLCGA authorise.....(name of player/user)

to use a golf buggy in the following WLCGA competition(s) 2009:

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Signed.....Date.....

(Print Name).....for WLCGA

Part 2 – PLAYER CONSENT

I,(print name)

have read and agree to abide by the conditions laid down in clause 3 of the WLCGA Transportation Policy.

Signed.....

Date.....

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED TO WLCGA BEFORE PLAY COMMENCES

(This form to be used in conjunction with the WLCGA Transportation Policy)