

Irvine Golf Club

Duty of Care

The Club has a duty of care to its employees and all users of the golf course. Caution and care must be shown by all users of buggies. The Club must also ensure adequate safe means of access for all golfers as well as those given permission to use buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of the majority of golfers who do not use buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use. The Club's duty of care also applies to any members of the public who may be on the course.

Conditions of Use

To ensure the safe use of buggies, all users are required to comply with the following conditions:-

- Buggies may only be used by those authorised by Irvine Golf Club so to do.
- Buggies must be operated with the utmost common sense, courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
- Users will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is in use in their care and on Club property.
- Any signs and instructions used to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or areas in which buggies must not be used because of the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course must be complied with at all times.
- Irvine Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of 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 buggy by their servants or agents.

Buggy Safe Working Practice

Before Use

All users must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form (below) before they are allowed to drive a buggy at Irvine. All users must ensure that they are familiar with the buggy controls and the constraints on buggy use.

During Use

A buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by those who are authorised to do so by HCEG.

Users must:-

- be satisfied that the buggy is well maintained and fully serviceable;
- not move off until the occupants are seated;
- always remain seated with hands, feet and head kept inside the buggy at all times while the buggy is in motion;
- not drive buggies in prohibited areas;
- use the buggy to progress the game by driving it in the direction of play;
- keep the buggy on pathways or closely mown grass;
- must not drive the buggy in tight circles or into the rough or semi-rough even when looking for golf balls;
- not use the buggy on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them;
- not use the buggy within 2 metres of any bunkers, ditches or slopes leading to them;
- check the area behind the buggy before reversing;
- apply the parking brake before leaving the buggy;
- always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as environmental factors that may affect the user's ability to operate the buggy safely;
- drive the buggy only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow;
- drive the buggy directly up and down sharp slopes to avoid the risk of it tipping over;
- slow down before cornering;
- execute all turns at reduced speeds;
- avoid sudden stops or changes of direction to prevent loss of control or damage to grass;
- take extra care in strong winds or when the course is wet or frosted.

After Use

After use, the buggy should be returned to Pro Shop, the parking brake engaged, the operating key turned to the off position ready for collection by a member of staff at the Club.

Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form