**Filton Golf Club**

**GOLF BUGGY & TROLLEY POLICY**

This policy MUST be read in conjunction with the rules on operating a golf buggy.

Due to the terrain and structure of Filton Golf Club, caution must be shown by the user of a golf buggy or trolley. It is also necessary for Filton Golf Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers, including those given permission to use personal single seat golf buggies.

Filton Golf Club must also ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use golf buggies but who might be at risk from careless use of them. This duty of care also applies to members of the public who use the footpaths that run through parts of the Course.

To assist the safe use of golf buggies, all potential users shall comply with the following conditions:

* Have read and understood the rules of operating a golf buggy
* No young persons, under the age of 18, are permitted to operate a golf buggy.
* The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs when using a golf buggy is not permitted.

**Buggy & Trolley Restrictions**:

At certain times, the general condition of Filton Golf Club may not be conducive to the safe use use of buggies or trolleys, and a ban on their use will be put in place.

When necessary, the Course Manager will make the decision, based on:

* the safety of golfers and
* if the golf course will incur any long term agronomic damage.

However, when the general use of buggies has been suspended, Filton Golf Club recognises that some golfers are unable to play. When restrictions apply we would encourage all golfers to carry, perhaps carrying fewer clubs than normal. We do not wish to discriminate against any golfers. Whilst we would encourage any golfer to carry, in these circumstances we appreciate this will not suit all players.Therefore we will work on a colour coded system for all golfers to follow accordingly.

Only those golfers with medical exemptions will be allowed to use buggies or trolleys in the relevant conditions. Proof of medical exemptions must be registered with Filton Golf Club.

Users of personal ride on buggies must also provide proof annually of their public liability insurance being in force and that the buggy is mechanically sound (as recommended by the EGU).

Players who qualify to use a buggy during restricted periods, will be allowed to do so, but will be required to use a specific route, and/or find that a shortened course is in operation.

**COLOUR CODE SYSTEM – BUGGY & TROLLEY STATUS THAT CAN BE USED WHEN CONDITIONS ALLOW**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | GREEN | AMBER | RED | BLACK |
| Single seater buggies | HOLES 1-18 | HOLES 1-18 | \*loops of Holes 1,2,8, & 9 only. | Not Permitted |
| Two seater buggies | HOLES 1-18 | \*loops of Holes 1,2,8, & 9 only. | Not Permitted | Not Permitted |
| TROLLEYS | HOLES 1-18 | HOLES 1-18 | HOLES 1-18 | Not Permitted\*\* |
| CARRYING | HOLES 1-18 | HOLES 1-18 | HOLES 1-18 | Permitted |

\*During these conditions, only those with medical dispensation will be allowed to use a buggy or trolley.

\*\* Registered disabled (Blue Badge holders) able to use push or electric trolleys.

On occasion, Filton Golf Club will indicate if the course, or a part of thereof, is not in a suitable/safe condition for use on that day and may further restrict the use of buggies and trolleys in these areas. In the event that Filton Golf Club believes, for reasons of health and safety, that a golf buggy should not be used on the course, permission will not be granted to anybody, even through medical dispensation.

This decision will be communicated to the golfers through several methods:

* ClubV1 Daily course update for members
* Website course status for visitors
* Contacting the Professional Shop on 01179696968

This decision will be reviewed on a regular or daily basis.

Failure to agree to the above requirements may result in the golfer being denied permission to use a golf buggy.

**Agreed by Directors of Filton Golf Club 29th January 2024**

**Review: Annually**

**Responsibility: General Manager / Course Director / Compliance Director**