



GOLF COURSE & BUGGY - SAFETY POLICY

East Brighton Golf Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution & prudence must be shown by the user of a ride-on buggy. 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 make reasonable provision for the safety of golfers who do not wish to use ride-on buggies and who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use. This overall duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.

To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users shall comply with the following conditions:

- 1). Ride-on buggies on East Brighton Golf Club property are only for the use of members, visitors & guests.
- 2). Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care & consideration for the safety & convenience of the pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
- 3). The signs & instructions employed on the course including those available in the Professional shop when booking the buggy 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 & tear to the course, must be followed at all times.
- 4). Ride-on buggies must be operated & parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with the normal pedestrian or vehicular flow of roadways, ramps or pavements.
- 5). Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys and buggy until they are returned back to the golf Professional in the Pro shop.
- 6). The East Brighton Golf Club have no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride-on buggies on or beyond the confines of the course & the club car parks other than those operated by their servants or agents. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride-on buggy by their servants or agents.
- 7). No ride-on buggy will be operated in excess of 15 km per hour.
- 8). Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn & dusk.
- 9). Buggies shall not be used when Frost Holes are in use or at any other reasonable time as determined by the Duty Professional, Duty Green-keeper or Course Director.
- 10). Buggies to be operated in accordance with The East Brighton Golf Club "Safe Working Practice"

GOLF BUGGY - SAFE WORKING PRACTICE

- Ride-on buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs.
- Persons less than 18 years of age are not allowed to operate a ride-on buggy.
- Buggies are not to be used when Frost Holes are in play or at any other reasonable time as determined by the Duty Professional, Duty Green-keeper or Course Director.

Before Use:

- All operators of ride-on buggies must sign the Yamaha Golf Car Rental Form available in the Pro shop at the time of hire. This form needs to be completed once a year for members & each time for visitors or guests, before they are allowed to drive the buggy.
- A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry & only by people who are authorised to use one.

During Use:

- Do not move off until the occupants are seated.
- Always remain seated & hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
- Hands, feet & head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
- Ride-on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas.
- The vehicle must be used to progress the game & must not be driven up & down excessively, eg when looking for golf balls.
- The vehicle must not be driven onto tees, greens or the closely mown aprons to greens.
- The vehicle must not be used within 2 metres of any bunkers, ditches, banks, mounds or ponds.
- Always check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.

- Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular & 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 & safety considerations allows.
 - To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy slowly straight up & down severe slopes.
 - All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.
 - Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
 - Be extra careful when the course is wet & muddy.

After Use:

When the vehicle is left unattended for some time, turn the key to the off position, remove the key & engage the parking brake. At the end of your round of golf the buggy must be parked in a suitable and safe location close to the pro shop and the ignition key returned to the pro shop.

RISK ASSESMENT RELATING TO THE USE OF BUGGIES:

Each hole on the golf course has been generically graded relating to the proper use of buggies, using this table:
 Specific areas on a hole may have an increased risk due to steep gradients or the presence of water as is the case with the pond on the 6th hole. The factors used to determine the hazards on each hole are primarily the slopes, banks and gradients, along with the increased potential for skidding on wet grass when the course has been subject to a period of rain.

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Risk / Hazard ↓ →	High	Medium	Low
High	5	4	3
Medium	4	3	2
Low	3	2	1

Hole	Assessment	Comments
1	2	The fairway inclines upwards from the tee, with steep banks all around the green & bunkers.
2	4	There are steep banks on either side of the green. Buggies should stay on the LHS within the semi-rough or go all the way round the back of the green if coming from the RHS of the fairway. Buggies must not attempt to go up the steep left bank leading to the 3 rd tee.
3	2	The fairway inclines steadily towards the green and flattens out with bunkers and hollows on both sides.
4	4	Beware of the deep pits and hollows either side of the path and on both sides of the 5 th tee.
5	5	The fairway drops away steadily from the tee box and can become <u>very slippery when wet</u> . Take extra care when on steepest sections. Buggies should not go to the 6 th white tee, but should be parked adjacent to the 6 th yellow tee.
6	2	Apart from the dew-pond and the cross bunkers (90 yards from the green) and the bunkers around the green this is a straight forward hole. Buggies should be parked adjacent to the 7 th tee.
7	3	It is recommended that buggies are taken direct towards the LHS of the 8 th tee and parked there, avoiding the steep banks and hollows found in front of, and on either side of the green.
8	2	There are bunkers around the green and a hollow located between the green and the 9 th men's tee.
9	3	The fairway climbs steadily towards the 9 th green, with a bunker on the fairway and bunker on front RHS of the green. Buggies should not negotiate the slope on the front of the green, and must be parked on the LHS of green besides the clearly visible signs when using the halfway house.

10	3	Buggies should not be taken up to any of the 10 th tees, but left adjacent to the halfway house parking signs. Care must be taken going up the slope leading to the 10 th green and the bunkers and mounds located around the green.
11	2	The fairway inclines steadily up towards the green with slopes and bunkers located along the fairway and either side adjacent to the green.
12	3	The fairway slopes gently down towards the green with a deep bunker on the RHS (140 yards from green). The fairway slope increases nearer to the green with hollows and bunkers on both sides. All Buggies should be parked on the RHS adjacent to the yellow/red 13 th tee.
13	3	The approach from both the white and Red/yellow tees traverses across a slop which can be slippery when wet. There are steep banks and bunkers around the 13 th green. Buggies should be left parked adjacent to the 14 th tee.
14	2	There is a bank dropping down on the LHS of this fairway and there are mounds and bunkers on both sides of the fairway and steep mounds and bunkers around the green. It is advised that buggies are parked adjacent to the 15 th tee.
15	4	There is a bank dropping down on the LHS of this fairway, and a deep pit and bunkers on the RHS as you near the green. There are also steep mounds and bunkers surrounding the green.
16	4	Immediately in front of the green is a large steep bunker, with steep slopes and bunkers located all around the green. Buggies should go along the LHS of the fairway and park adjacent to the 17 th tees.
17	4	Beware of the small bank running alongside the LHS of unused bridle path that runs through the first part of the fairway. There are deep pits across the fairway (120 yards from the green), and slopes and banks where the bridle path again crosses the fairway just short of the green. The green has a couple of bunkers on either side.
18	3	Immediately after the white & yellow tees take care crossing the bridle paths. Just before the fairway flattens out before it descends down towards the green and clubhouse there is a mound running the full width of the fairway with a couple of passing places for buggies. Do not attempt to go over the main parts of this mound. The fairway has a number of banks, slopes and fairway bunkers to be avoided before you reach the steeply sloping apron to the green. It is recommended that you drive on the RHS avoiding the sand and grass bunkers around both sides of the green.
Return to Club-house	2	When returning back to the clubhouse, please drive close to the bushes & fence on your RHS. When you approach the sign advising you to <u>beware of golfer driving off on the 1st tee</u> , please be prepared to stop and wait for players to drive off before you continue back to the clubhouse. Park the buggy in a safe place near the 1 st tee and please return the ignition key to the Pro shop.

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