

# Cleckheaton & District Golf Club

## **Use of Trolleys and all Ride-on Buggies Course Protection Actions**

It is the aim of the golf club to provide a golf course all year round, set and maintained to recognised and established high standards, which enable golf to be played whenever weather and ground conditions permit.

During the more challenging winter months several actions are put in place to protect the course: -

- Artificial teeing areas
- Temporary greens
- Traffic management routes (roping off areas around greens and other areas)
- Restricting or prohibiting the use of trolleys and buggies.
- Partial or total closure of the course

## **Restricting the use of trolleys and buggies**

The club will endeavour not to impose course closures or trolley bans unless they are absolutely necessary and will consider the conditions each day rather than applying restrictions for a particular period of time.

However, all players who are able to do so, are encouraged to use carry bags and carry their clubs if they are playing in the winter months, even if it means a reduced number of clubs in the bag.

Electric trolleys are detrimental to the course in wet conditions, as their skidding action generates muddy areas, delaying turf recovery in the spring and creating potential hazards to members.

## **Four Stage Trolley and Buggy Policy**

Trolleys and buggies are allowed on the course at the discretion of the Greenkeeper. A four stage policy is used to determine the use of a trolley and buggy in conjunction with course conditions. The four stages are: -

1. Normal use. This will generally be the summer months, parts of spring and autumn.
2. Trolleys can be used but try and minimise the weight ie. less clubs
3. Trolley & buggy ban to protect the course and minimise safety risks (carry only)
4. Course Closed including the Practice Ground & Putting Green.

This policy is managed by the Secretary and Professional in consultation with the Senior Greenkeeper and will apply equally to members and visitors.

Those authorised to use a ride on buggy may do so, providing that they personally undertake a dynamic risk assessment and establish that it is safe for them and other users of the course to use a buggy at that time. *This is the personal responsibility of the individual user.*

<b>STAGE</b>	<b>CONDITIONS</b>	<b>RULES</b>
<p><b>Stage one</b></p> <p>Normal use</p> <p>(generally summer months)</p>	<p>Golfers may use buggies &amp; trolleys, motorised or otherwise, when the conditions of the course are suitable.</p> <p>This is likely to be most of the summer.</p>	<p>When doing so, users should not take their trolley or buggy: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• onto the tees and greens</li> <li>• between a green-side bunker and the green</li> <li>• onto the fringes &amp; aprons of the greens</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage two</b></p> <p>Trolley and buggy use</p>	<p>When conditions reach a point such that the continued use of electric trolleys will be detrimental to the course.</p>	<p><b>Electric trolleys:</b> Use permitted but attempt to lessen the overall weight ie. less clubs</p> <p><b>Ride-on buggies:</b> Dynamic Risk assessment to be carried out</p>
<p><b>Stage three</b></p> <p>Carry Only</p> <p>Trolley and Buggy Ban</p>	<p>Conditions that, in the opinion of the Greenkeeper, are unfit and/or unsafe for trolley or buggy use, or present safety issues to others on the course.</p>	<p>Golfers, including authorised &amp; disabled, are not permitted to use a trolley or buggies. Golfers can play but must carry their own clubs.</p>
<p><b>Stage four</b></p> <p>Course Closed</p>	<p>When the weather or course conditions are such that any use is either dangerous or excessively damaging to the course.</p>	<p>The course, practice ground and putting green are closed to all golfers.</p>