



Carlow Golf Club:

General Policy for the Use and Storage of Privately Owned Buggies.

Dear Member,

One of the priorities of Carlow Golf Club is to ensure the safety of all persons availing of the facilities of our club - members, staff and visitors alike. During the operation and use of buggies on the course and within club property, buggy users (drivers & passengers) must behave in a manner consistent with their own safety and the safety of all other players or persons in the vicinity of the vehicle. 'The course' includes both the Deerpark and Oakpark courses.

Use of Private Buggies in Carlow Golf Club.

Following advice received from our insurers and solicitors, and having liaised with a number of other clubs, the Management Committee has developed this policy on the use and storage of privately owned buggies in Carlow Golf Club. The operation of privately owned buggies on the course and club property will only be permitted with the approval of the club Management Committee.

With effect from Mon 23 Jan 2017 approval for the use of privately owned buggies on the course will only be granted once evidence of adequate insurance cover is provided to, and approved, by the club. All private buggy owners must provide the original insurance certificate for their buggy ***showing the buggy is insured and is covered to indemnify the club against loss, theft, and injury on the course***, to the club office in order to secure permission for the use of their buggy on the course. ***The club's insurance policy does not cover usage of your buggy – you must arrange this yourself.***

The management committee is conscious that many members annual golf insurance renewal date is 01 March. For buggy owners who do not currently have third party insurance, use of a club-owned buggy (these are fully insured) will be provided free of charge between 23 Jan 2017 and 28 Feb 2017 (pending availability). Thereafter, the use of privately owned buggies on the course will be restricted to those for which the owners have provided evidence of adequate insurance cover, and have been approved by the club. Where the owner of a private buggy gives permission for another person to use their buggy, evidence for the 'named driver' or of 'open insurance' on the buggy must have been provided to, and approved by, the club.

Note: The club's insurers (Mullarkey-Hopper-Dolan) have made a competitive offer for the provision of third party buggy insurance for Carlow Golf club members. The club office will facilitate the administration of applications through the clubs insurers for the period commencing 01 Mar 2017 for members who wish to take up this offer. Details of the offer are available by contacting the club office, and will be sent in a separate communication to private buggy owners.

Storage of Privately Owned buggies in Carlow Golf Club.

In order for a private buggy to be stored on club property, a current insurance certificate must be provided to the club office for approval. This certificate must show the buggy is covered for loss and theft. Any buggy that has not been approved for storage on club property by 01 Mar 2017 must be removed by the buggy owner.

Failure to comply with these requirements, or willfully acting in a risky or dangerous manner when using a buggy on the course or other club property, may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from membership of the Club.

General Rules of Operation – All Buggies:

Particular care should be taken with respect to speed and stability of the buggy when in use.

The following guidelines apply to **all** Buggies, whether privately owned or hired:

1. Buggies may only be driven by persons over the age of 18 years.
2. No buggy shall be allowed to carry more than the number of passengers for which it was designed.
3. "Piggy-back" riding on the back of any buggy is ***strictly prohibited***.
4. Buggies shall not encroach within 10 yards of any green, and are prohibited from all tee-boxes.
5. Under no circumstances should a buggy be driven over greens, tee boxes, through bunkers or other hazards, or between greens and greenside bunkers, or any other area on the course identified by local signage, whether temporary or permanent.

Decisions regarding the use of buggies on the course during the winter months (November – March) or wet periods will be determined on an on-going basis, depending on course conditions. Use of buggies will be prohibited when ground conditions are such that the use of buggies may cause damage to the course. Care

must always be taken to avoid damage to the course, trees, shrubs or any other integral equipment or feature.

Failure to observe the above Rules may result in suspension of permission to hire or use a buggy, either as a driver or as a passenger, or further disciplinary action.

Restrictions on Buggy Use:

GUI guidelines for use of buggies, as contained in the Tournament Conditions Booklet for the applicable year, shall be followed with regard to all championship, regional, provincial and inter-club competitions.

Other persons are permitted to drive a private buggy, with the owner's permission provided insurance cover is in place for additional named drivers, or evidence of open insurance has been provided to and approved by the club.

At any time, the Greens Committee shall have the power to place additional restrictions on the use of buggies, in order to protect the course from potential damage.

Such restrictions may include:

1. Total prohibition of buggies.
2. Restriction to persons holding Medical Disability Certificates only.

Private buggy owners should provide a copy of the Insurance certificate for use of their buggy in Carlow Golf Club as soon as possible, but not later than **01 Mar 2017** in order to continue to use their buggy on the course, and/or store the buggy on the premises, thereafter.

Signed On Behalf of the Management Committee.

Joe Fanning, Hon Sec.

Carlow Golf Club.