

Trentham Park Golf Club Hire Buggy Policy 2023

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Interpretation

“Hire buggy” means a golf buggy hired out to members and visitors by TPGC.

“UK full drivers’ license” means a United Kingdom drivers’ license (to drive a motor vehicle) not being of a provisional nature.

Introduction & Background

Trentham Park Golf Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of hire buggies authorised and operated within the confines of Trentham Park Golf Club (TPGC).

The topography of the TPGC course is such that you are asked to please take particular note of the **course topography, considerations and restrictions thereof** referred to later within this document.

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Qualifications & Criteria for Buggy Use

Users of a hire buggy must hold a UK full drivers' license.

Any person who operates a hire buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. The safe operation of hire buggies on the course requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

Hire buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following documents;

Golf Buggy Safety Policy

Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice

Golf Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgment Form

From time-to-time TPGC staff may determine that the state of the course or the weather is such that safety on or the condition of the course may be unacceptably compromised if a hire buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include, but are not restricted to, waterlogging, frost, snow and reduced visibility. Where such conditions arise TPGC will review the situation on an at least twice daily basis.

Careful consideration and risk assessment is always applied before the announcement of buggy use restrictions. Course accessibility will be determined by the Course Manager and his team and the decision will be communicated to members via the V1 App and to visitors via the shop.

Golf Buggy Safety Policy

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 hire 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.

Hire Buggies

1. To assist the safe operation of hire buggies all potential users (members, visitors and guests) shall comply with the following conditions:

2. Hire buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times.
3. All signs and instructions employed on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to hire buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.
4. Hire buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on roadways, ramps or pavements.
5. Hire buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by TPGC.
6. TPGC will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a hire buggy by their servants or agents.
7. Operators must stop their buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
8. The consumption of alcohol and / or the improper use of drugs is not permitted when using hire buggy.
9. The TPGC committee / Manager has the authority to prohibit any member or individual from using or being carried on a hire buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the TPGC committee.

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 Trentham Park 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.

All users of hire buggies must pay the appropriate charge prior to buggy use.

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.

Trentham Park 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 its servants or agents.

Golf 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 Trentham Park Golf Club. This can be signed and sent back to us before the day of play or on the day itself.

All users must hold a UK driver's full license and ensure that they are familiar with the buggy controls and the constraints on buggy use. They must satisfy themselves that the buggy is well maintained and fully serviceable and pay the appropriate charge prior to buggy use.

During Use

A buggy must only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by those who are authorised to do so by Trentham Park Golf Club.

Under no circumstances should a hire buggy be removed from the Trentham Park Golf Club course or main car park;

Buggies must not move off until all occupants are seated;

Occupants must remain seated with hands, feet and head kept inside the buggy at all times while the buggy is in motion;

Buggies must not be driven into prohibited areas;

Use the buggy to progress the game by driving it in the direction of play;

Where possible, keep the buggy on pathways or closely mown grass and not on fairways;

Do not drive the buggy in tight circles or into the rough or semi-rough even when looking for golf balls;

Do not use the buggy on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them;

Do 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 parked in the Buggy Park or by the path leading from the clubhouse, with 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 and Acknowledgement Form (Hire Buggy)

All golfers must acknowledge the following prior to using a Golf Buggy (“Buggy”)

Any person/s who accept the privilege of operating a buggy at Trentham Park Golf Club are required in so doing, to hold a UK full drivers’ license, to have the knowledge, training and skill to operate the buggy safely and be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof.

The safe operation of buggies requires responsible application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

By signing the annexed sheet, I acknowledge that:

• I have read and understand Trentham Park’s Buggy Safe Working Practice • I understand the terms and conditions of Trentham Parks’s Buggy Policy • I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Practice and Policy • I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a buggy • I will ensure that the buggy will be used in accordance with the Trentham Park Buggy Policy • I confirm that I have a current and valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties. I also confirm I have a current and valid driving license. • I agree to indemnify Trentham Park Golf Club against all claims costs and demands made against Trentham Park Golf Club arising out of or in connection with the use of the golf buggy

Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. Trentham Park Golf Club will not accept any liability for any loss or damage to the golf buggy or any other property other than arising from the negligence of the Club or any of its servants or agents.

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