

## **BUGGY DISCLAIMER PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:**

**Introduction** The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all buggies operated at the Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for their use either from Members or members of the public wishing to use their own at the Club.

**Qualification**  
Any person who chooses to operate a buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. The safe operation of buggies on the course requires care and adherence to the minimum standard prescribed by this policy. Buggies must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the following instructions:

### General Use

You must follow written and/or verbal instructions where the buggies may or may not travel. Buggies can only be used for a maximum of two persons and two sets of golf clubs.

### Use in General Play and Competitions

Buggies may be used during general, club and open competitions unless stated.

### Golf Buggy Safety Policy

The 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 and prudence must be shown by the user of a 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 ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use buggies, but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use.

To assist the safe employment of buggies all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:

Buggies on Powfoot Golf Club property are only for the use of members and visitors. 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.

Powfoot Golf Club use Electric Powered Golf Buggies. Operation of these buggies is as follows:

Ignition Switch is located to the side front of the Steering Wheel. Turn to the Right to activate power. There are 2 pedals the right hand one is the accelerator the left the brake. There is an automatic parking brake.

The signs and instructions employed on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.

Buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is in their hire. Buggies are not permitted to be driven outside the boundary (including the practice range) of the Club and not to be taken on the Public Highway. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any person or property if a buggy is driven outside the boundary of the Club. Powfoot Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of buggies beyond the confines of the course and the club car- parks other than those operated by their servants or agents.

## Buggy Safe Working Practice

### Essential

Buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs. Never allow children to drive a buggy. Only persons aged 16 years and over that hold a current Provisional or full Driving Licence for either a motorcycle or car may operate a buggy.

### Before Use

All operators of buggies must sign a Hire Form before they are allowed to drive the buggy. New members to the Club and members renewing their membership will be considered to have signed and understood the conditions of buggy use at Powfoot Golf Club by signing their membership application or on renewal.

### During Use

Ride-on buggies must not be used on the areas of the course where prohibitive signs are placed. The vehicle must not be driven on tees, aprons and greens. They are not to be driven within ten yards of the approach to the green.

The buggy should not be driven near or on the edge of the burn and bunkers except when crossing designated points or bridges. Do not move off until the occupants are seated.

Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.

Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing. Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely. Drive the vehicle only as slowly as the terrain and safety considerations allow slowing down before corners. 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 and avoid any muddy areas.

### After Use

When you have finished using the buggy please turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and return the key to the office or bar.

## Key Points

Only the signatories may be in control of the Golf Car at any time.

The Club does not accept liability for damage or personal injury to any passenger, or other persons whilst the Golf Car is in the care or control of the hire/s.

The hire/s of the Golf Car shall be liable for any damage (including the Golf Car) or injury caused by negligent operation.

The Golf Cars shall only be used within the designated areas of the golf club.

The Golf Cars shall only be used to carry two persons and two golf bags maximum.

Immediately on completion of the rental period for the buggy shall be returned to the collection point and the key handed back to the office or bar.

Any damage or incident must be reported to an official of the club immediately.

No one under the age of 21 may hire or operate a buggy.

The hirer will adhere to any restrictions imposed by the club and follow the designated buggy route.