



Tenterfield Golf Club

Motorized Golf Buggy Safety Policy

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all motorized golf buggies operated at the Tenterfield Golf 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 Club members or members of the public wishing to hire or use their own at the Club.

Qualification

Any person who chooses to operate a motorized golf 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 motorized golf buggies on the course requires care and adherence to the minimum standard prescribed by this policy.

Motorized golf 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 motorized golf buggies may or may not travel.

Motorized golf buggies can only be used for a maximum of two persons and two sets of golf clubs.

Riding outside of the seating area is an unsafe practice and is not permitted.

Use in General Play and Competitions

Motorized golf buggies may be used during general, closed and open competitions unless otherwise stated.

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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 motorized golf buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers, including those given permission to use motorized golf buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use motorized golf buggies, but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective motorized golf buggy or its careless use.

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

Motorized golf buggies on the Tenterfield Golf Club property are only for the use of staff, members and visiting golfers. Motorized golf buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of other golfers. Other golfers must be afforded the right-of way at all times. The signs and instructions employed on the course to warn motorized golf buggy operators of potential danger areas or, areas forbidden to motorized golf buggies because of concerns about danger or, the potential to cause unacceptable wear and tear to the course, must be followed at all times.

Motorized golf buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is in their hire. Motorized golf buggies are not permitted to be driven outside the boundary of the Club. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any person or property if a motorized golf buggy is driven outside the boundary of the Club. The Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of motorized golf buggies beyond the confines of the course.

Motorized Golf Buggy Safe Working Practice

Essential

Motorized golf buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs. Children are not permitted to drive a motorized golf buggy. Only persons aged 16 years and over that hold a current Provisional or full Driving License for either a motorcycle or car may operate a motorized golf buggy.

Before Use

All operators of motorized golf buggies are deemed to have the knowledge, training and skill to operate the vehicle safely. Consult with Club staff if unsure of safe operation procedures.

New members to the Club and members renewing their membership will be considered to understand the conditions of motorized golf buggy use at the Tenterfield Golf Club by signing their membership application and renewal form.

During Use

Motorized golf buggies must not be used on the areas of the course where prohibitive signs are placed. The vehicles must not be driven on tees and greens. They are not to be driven within five metres of any green.

The motorized golf buggy should not be driven near or on the edge of water ways and bunkers. 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 motorized golf buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion. Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing. Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle. Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and foot 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 and safety considerations allow, slowing down before corners.

All turns must be executed at reduced speeds to avoid the potential of a person being ejected from the vehicle. Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.

Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy.

After Use for Hired Motorized Golf Buggies

When you have finished using the motorized golf buggy park the vehicle in the designated area, please turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and engage the parking brake, returning the key to the Club house.



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