



## **BUGGY SAFETY POLICY**

Verulam Golf Club ('The Club') has a duty of care to all individuals who use our course. Owing to the nature of our course, there are several areas where the users of buggies need to show caution and exercise care, both in relation to themselves and to those players around them. The Club undertakes to maintain all of its buggies and to provide safe means of access for buggy users. It also undertakes to maintain the safety of non-buggy users from mechanically defective ride-ons or their careless use. This duty of care extends to third party users of the course.

### **QUALIFICATION**

Any person who chooses to operate a buggy on the 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 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 travel. Buggies can only be used for two persons and two sets of golf clubs. No single occupancy is permitted.

### **USE IN GENERAL PLAY AND COMPETITIONS**

Buggies may be used in general, closed and open competitions unless stated and subject to all weather and course conditions. Any decision by a representative of the management of Verulam Golf Club prohibiting the use of buggies for any reason, shall be final.

### **GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY**

To assist with the safe use of buggies, ALL potential users shall comply with the following conditions:

- Buggies must be operated with care and consideration for the safety of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be given the right of way at all times.
- All on course signage relating to the use of buggies & ride-ons must be followed at all times.
- Buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner so as to not impede or interfere with other users enjoyment of the course.
- Ride-on buggy users will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the duration of their use of the buggy.
- No buggies will be operated at a speed considered excessive. The speed permitted will be advised by the General Manager & Professional Staff and the buggy company to set the maximum speed accordingly.
- The hire of buggies shall only be permitted when course conditions permit, without exception.

Potential buggy users are advised to contact the Pro Shop ahead of play to confirm that buggies are permitted on the course.

- Buggies must be operated in accordance with the 'rules of the road' regardless of whether or not they are used on pavements or roadways.
- Buggy users must exercise caution when crossing the road from leaving the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to 3<sup>rd</sup> tee, 9<sup>th</sup> green to 10<sup>th</sup> tee, 15<sup>th</sup> green to 16<sup>th</sup> tee & 17<sup>th</sup> tee to 17<sup>th</sup> green and when driving through the car park.
- The General Manager, Professional Staff and Course Manager have the authority to prohibit the use of buggies for inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.
- In cases where this occurs, the Club will not refund the buggy user's hire fee.

### **SAFE WORKING PRACTICE POLICY**

- Buggy operators must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Only Persons aged 18 and above who hold a current Full Driving Licence for either a motorcycle or car drive the buggy.

### **BEFORE USE:**

- New members to the Club and members renewing their membership will be considered to have signed and understood the conditions of buggy use at Verulam Golf Club by signing their membership application form and paying their renewal subscription fees.

- All other buggy users must complete a Buggy Rental Agreement Form and sign a Buggy Safety Policy Form before they take a buggy onto the course.

- Only 2 people may ride on the buggy at any one time, single person hire is prohibited. Riding on the back of a buggy is strictly prohibited.

#### **DURING USE:**

- Do not move off until occupants are seated. Occupants must remain seated while the buggy is in motion.
- Hands, arms, legs and feet must be kept inside the buggy while it is in motion.
- Buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas.
- The buggy must not be used to travel excessively up and down fairways e.g. looking for golf balls.
- Do not drive the buggy on to the tee boxes, across temporary greens or within 20 yards of the greens. When approaching the green, please drive the buggy into the rough and not on the closely mown greens surround.
- The buggy should not be driven within 6 feet of any hazard – bunkers, ditches, ponds etc.
- Check the area behind you before reversing.
- Drive the buggy only as fast as the terrain and ground conditions allow.
- To avoid tipping the buggy over, drive the buggy straight up and down slopes.
- Avoid sudden stops and changes in direction that may result in loss of control and damage to the course.
- Be extra careful when the course is wet or muddy
- Slow down on corners of all pathways.

#### **AFTER USE:**

- After the round, return the buggy to the Golf Reception. Turn off the buggy and remove the key. The key should be returned to the Golf Reception, or in the event that it is closed, to the Bar.