



# HORSFORTH GOLF CLUB

## Use of Trolleys and Personal Ride-on Buggies

### Winter Course Protection Actions

It is the aim of the golf club to provide a golf course, set and maintained to recognised and established high standards, which enable golf to be played whenever weather and ground conditions permit.

During winter months a number of actions are put in place to protect the course: -

- Artificial teeing areas
- Temporary greens
- Traffic management routes (roping off areas around greens and other areas)
- Restricting or prohibiting the use of trollies and buggies
- Partial or total closure of the course

### Restricting the use of trollies and buggies

The club will endeavor not to impose course closures or trolley bans unless they are absolutely necessary.

However all players, who are able to do so, are encouraged to use carry bags and carry their clubs if they are playing in the winter months, even if it means a reduced number of clubs in the bag.

Electric trollies are detrimental to the course in wet conditions, as their skidding action generates muddy areas, delaying turf recovery in the spring and also creating potential hazards to member.

### Five Stage Trolley Policy

Trollies and buggies are allowed on the course, in winter, at the discretion of the Greens Chairman and Head Greenkeeper. A five-stage policy is used to allow as much use of trollies and buggies as course conditions allow. The five stages are: -

1. Normal use
2. Restricted Buggy Use (9 holes)
3. Authorized Buggy Use Only (9 holes)
4. Total Trolley ban
5. Course Closed.

This policy is managed by the General Manager in consultation with the Head Greenkeeper and will apply equally to members and visitors.

STAGE	CONDITIONS	RULES
Stage One Normal Use	Golfers may use trolleys, motorized or otherwise, when the conditions of the course are suitable.	When doing so, users should not take their trolley or buggy: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onto the tees and greens</li> <li>• Between a green-side bunker and the green</li> <li>• Onto the fringes &amp; aprons of the greens</li> </ul>
Stage Two No Large Ride on Buggies	When conditions reach a point such that the continued use of buggies will be detrimental to the course.	<p><b>Electric Trolleys:</b> Permitted, winter wheels encouraged although not compulsory</p> <p><b>Push/Pull Trolleys:</b> Permitted</p> <p><b>Single seat buggies:</b> Permitted, route determined by Head Greenkeeper upon ground conditions to avoid excess damage, this may include restricted holes</p> <p><b>Hired buggies:</b> Not permitted</p>
Stage Three Carry Bags Advised Trolleys Permitted	There are occasions when it will be necessary to restrict the use of buggies in order to avoid excess damage to the course. Carry bags are strongly advised	<p><b>Authorized golfers only.</b> Those who can demonstrate that they are unable to play or have undue difficulty in playing golf without the use of a buggy. This concession is primarily intended for older members and those with a medical condition, which would preclude them from carrying a bag.</p> <p><i>Authorisation is granted by the General Manager.</i></p> <p><b>Single seat buggies:</b> Permitted for authorized golfers only.</p> <p>Those authorized to use a personal ride on buggy may do so, providing that they personally undertake a dynamic risk assessment and establish that it is safe for them and other users of the course to use a buggy at that time. This is the personal responsibility of the individual user.</p>
Stage Four Trolley and Buggy Ban	Conditions that, in the opinion of the Head Greenkeeper and General Manager, are unfit and/or unsafe for trolley or buggy use, or present safety issues to others on the course.	<p>Golfers, <b>including</b> authorized golfers, are not permitted to use trolleys or buggies.</p> <p>Only players suffering from a disability, as defined under section 6 of the Equality Act 2010, will be allowed to use a personal ride on buggy on areas of the course assessed as safe to do so.</p> <p>Disabled golfers must personally undertake a dynamic risk assessment and establish that it is safe for them and other users of the course to use a buggy at that time. This is the personal responsibility of the individual user.</p>
Stage Five Course Closed	When the weather or course conditions are such that any use is either dangerous or unreasonably damaging to the course.	The course is closed to all golfers.