



# Great Barr Golf Club

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## Golf Buggy Hire Agreement Form

Including the use of Privately owned one or two seat Buggies

**ALL GOLFERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM PRIOR TO OPERATING A GOLF BUGGY AT GREAT BARR GOLF CLUB**

Any person who chooses to operate a ride-on buggy on the Great Barr Golf Club premises is deemed, by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof. The safe operation of buggies requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy. Makes of buggies vary. Staff will if requested familiarize operators on the controls of buggies.

**Name of User:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Buggy No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I acknowledge that:

- I have read Great Barr Golf Club Buggy conditions of use
- I understand the terms and conditions of Great Barr Golf Club Golf Buggy Policy
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy
- I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a golf buggy
- I will ensure that the buggy will be maintained and operated in accordance with Great Barr Golf Club Golf Buggy Policy
- For privately owned and operated Buggies - I agree to indemnify Great Barr Golf Club against all claims costs and demands made against Great Barr Golf Club arising out of or in connection with the use of the Golf Buggy.  
£10.00 Key deposit is required on all buggy hire which will be refunded when the
- buggy is returned in a satisfactory condition.

**Signature of User:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Great Barr Representative:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **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, closed 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 Great Barr 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.

## **Great Barr 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. Behind your right leg, situated in a central position at the front of the seat unit is a Switch. This Switch has three positions – Reverse, Forward and Neutral (centre position). There are two pedals. The right pedal operates the accelerator and the left pedal operates the Brake and Parking Brake. **Do not press both pedals at the same time.** Use individually for accelerating and braking. The Parking Brake is operated as follows – You will see a additional pedal section at the top left of the brake pedal. Top apply the parking brake; press the pedal down whilst angling your foot to depress this smaller pedal. If applied correctly the whole pedal will remain down. To dis-engage the Parking Brake you gently press the Accelerator Pedal only.

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. Great Barr 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 Great Barr Golf Club by signing their membership application and renewal form.

### **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 and greens. They are not to be driven within thirty yards of the approach to the green. 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 near or on the edge of ponds, streams 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. Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle. 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 fast 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 muddy.

### **After Use**

When you have finished using the buggy please turn the operating key to the off position, remove the key and engage the parking brake returning the key to Reception.