



# KGA Golf Buggy Policy 2024

## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all buggies operated on the course and its environs, at Karnataka Golf Association (“KGA”). This document will provide a framework for usage of the buggies, its charges and penalties for noncompliance with the policy.

The course is defined as anywhere within the environs of KGA and includes all club facilities and pathways. The club has a limited number of buggies available for hire and they may be booked, in advance, by contacting the starters desk or via the KGA app.

Any booking is subject to restrictions that may be imposed owing to the condition of the course at any point in time. No guarantee can be given that a buggy will be available, unless it has been pre-booked.

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 ride-on buggies but who might bear the risk from a mechanically defective buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.

KGA reserves its right to amend, replace or withdraw this policy without any notice.

## Cart usage policy:

Golf buggies are a costly investment and as such all care must be taken to ensure that persons using a golf buggy are qualified to do so and know the risks and costs involved in its usage. As the club has a limited number of buggies to avoid misuse the below guidelines will need to be strictly adhered going forward:

- All persons driving a golf cart should hold a valid driver’s license.
- The club’s liability insurance should cover the cost of an accident that involves injury to a person hit by a golf cart that may require medical and or hospital treatment.
- All persons driving a cart must be made to sign a waiver stating that any damage to the cart or another person will be covered by them and that the club takes no responsibility for those costs. This is a onetime sign off and will apply permanently unless revoked.
- Once a player or member has signed a waiver, the waiver should be kept on record.
- Cart can only be used by a member or pre-approved guests of the club. If a member allows his caddy or another member to drive, he is still liable for damages or the misuse of the cart.
- Carts are to be driven on the cart paths only to protect the wear and tear on the fairways and to minimize any accidents from happening between walkers and cart golfers.
- It is important that all drivers are made to follow the cart path only rules and not park with wheels on the fairway edges causing wear marks.
- Members above the age of 80 years and those with medical conditions may be allowed access only up to the marked area.

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- Marshalls must monitor cart usage and ensure that all golfers follow the rules of usage.
- Noncompliance of staying on the cart path will invite penalties outlined in the noncompliance section.
- Noncompliance with the marked direction flow of the cart path around the course will also invite penalties as outlined in the noncompliance section.
- Upon return of the golf cart, a designated person must check the carts for damage immediately after the round and record the fitness on return.
- All carts should be returned to the cart barn cleaned and washed and returned to their charging area ensuring that the charger is plugged in and working.
- No more than 2 buggies per group of members at a specified tee time.

**Golf Buggy safe operation guidelines:**

General safety and operational guidelines for use of buggies in KGA is given below:

- Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
- Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the golf buggy at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
- Golf buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas.
- The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g. when looking for golf balls.
- The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens, or the slopes and areas leading up to the tee and green.
- The vehicle must not be used within 5 metres of any bunkers, ditches, ponds or slopes leading to bunkers, ditches or slopes, except when using designated bridges, and not within 15 meters of any green.
- The vehicle must not be driven into any deep rough on the course.
- 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 the ability to operate the vehicle safely.
- Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
- To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes.
- Slow 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.

**Penalties for non-compliance with cart policy:**

The penalties are applicable to the member who has booked the cart, even if he authorizes his caddy or another member to drive the same on the course. Marshals are authorised to inform members to stay on the cart path only. Below is the list of penalties for noncompliance during the round:

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- First infringement warning and noting down the cart number.
- Second infringement during the round - warning and Rs. 500/- fine to be debited to the Member's account.
- Third infringement during the round - additional fine of Rs.1,000/- in addition to the earlier Rs.500/-, so total fine for the round Rs.1,000/-.
- Fourth and final infringement during the round Rs.5,000/- total fine, removal from the course and no buggy being provided for the next 7 days.
- Repeated offenders who do not adhere to the rules will have no carts available for a month from the date of second infringement. Total fine that will have been collected via the two infringements will be Rs.10,000/-.
- Post the one month ban if some is a repeated violator of the cart policy, cart usage privileges will be suspended for a year.

**Cart charges:**

Below are the charges for use of buggies provided by KGA for its members and guests.

SL No.	Age of member indenting buggy	Buggy usage charges
1.	80 years and above	Free Usage on Monday. One additional free round any other day of the week. After that, Rs.100 per round + Taxes, subject to availability.
2.	75 to 79 years of age	Free Usage on Monday. Any other day of the week Rs.100 per round + Taxes, subject to availability.
3.	65 to 74 years of age	Mondays not allowed. More than one round per week is subject to availability. Charges of Rs.800/- per round + Taxes.
4.	Below 65 years of age on Medical grounds.	Mondays not allowed. Subject to availability golfers with medical conditions can use a cart on charges of Rs.500/- per round + taxes. Medical certificate and representation has to be approved by the Hon. Secretary and forwarded to the starter desk.
5.	Guests / Affiliates over 65 or with a medical condition.	Mondays not allowed. Prior submission of medical representation has to be shared with the club and approved by the Hon. Secretary and forward to the starter's desk. Subject to availability cart is provided on a charge of Rs.1,600 per round + taxes.
6.	For 9 holes (Members)	Mondays not allowed. Rs.600/- per 9 holes + Taxes
7.	For 9 holes (Non-Members)	Mondays not allowed. Rs.1000/- per 9 holes + Taxes



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