

Use of Buggies Policy

Previous policy:-

Use of Buggies. WGC seniors committee wish to encourage all players regardless of disabilities or temporary incapacity to enter competitions. In those circumstances a golf buggy may be used. Members who can provide evidence (if asked) and seek approval from the committee prior to the competition start may use a buggy. An accompanying member may not enter the competition but may still play. Full details are available on our web site.

2017 Policy

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Members with **long term** health issues should agree their entitlement to use a buggy with a committee member once a year, In the event that their problems improve, such that they no longer need one, they should inform a committee member of discontinuation. Should their problems “come and go” players should indicate when the trend swings one direction or away.

Members with **short term** problems should request approval in advance to use a buggy for each event

When the competition is in **drawn groups** such as Medal comps the disabled person is subject to the random draw process. Only the person with a disability can use a buggy (unless by chance one of the others is also disabled and entitled to use a buggy – in which case they could share). A non-disabled person sharing the buggy may play- but not be part of the competition.

When the competition is in **voluntary groups** such as entered pairs or texas scramble teams. The disabled person may enter with another person entitled to use a buggy – and share. They may not share with anybody not entitled to use a buggy.

If the process is abused by individuals their permissions will be withdrawn.

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