



Cart Usage Policy

One of the central principles of the game of golf is that players play by the rules and in the spirit of the game. Rule 1.2 in the Rules of Golf details the conduct that is expected of all players and what is meant by the spirit of the game. Rule 1.2 reads as follows:-

“All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:-

- Acting with integrity – e.g. by following the rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – e.g. by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the course – e.g. by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course



Duntryleague has a large number of private carts, and carts for hire, that use the course on any given day. Golf carts create significant challenges to a golf club, from wear and tear to the course itself, to financial costs to create and maintain facilities to allow the continued usage of golf carts for members and guests.

The committee has a strategic plan in place to create a full cart path system. Significant headway has been made to date to complete this program. However, there are still sections of the course that are not covered by formed cart paths, and in certain conditions, carts can create significant damage to the course. Cart paths are defined as concrete paths, gravel paths and obvious tracks where carts have been directed and formed paths have yet to be constructed.

Whilst it is recommended that players walk the course during their round, not only for their own health, but also for the health of the golf course, Duntryleague will not expressly forbid the usage of golf carts, provided they are used and maintained within the Cart Usage Policy, which is as follows:-

- Golf carts are allowed provided they are used within the Pace of Play Policy.
- Non members are **not** permitted to bring their own carts onto the golf course.

- Private carts are to be maintained to an acceptable standard. Individualising or customising of private golf carts is allowed so long as they are not overbearing in appearance or are modified in such a way they cause additional wear and tear as they would have otherwise caused. Only turf friendly, or “turf glider” tyres are permitted to be fitted. “Nobby” or “mud” tyres are strictly forbidden to be used on any golf cart.
- All carts are only to be driven by persons over the age of 17 and hold a driver’s licence equivalent to at least a NSW provisional licence. Members of staff or junior members that assist the club from time to time in a work capacity are excluded from this section of the policy. Junior members of Duntryleague (under 17 years of age) **cannot** drive a cart during their round until they have conducted a driving lesson with the Captain, or another member of the committee, and have then been approved by the committee.
- Private carts have the authority to be stored and used on the course at all times provided they have paid their yearly fees and have not been banned by the committee for a breach of this policy, or another policy. Private carts that are brought to the course are to pay the associated fees, as set out by the committee, at the Pro Shop **before** the commencement of their round.
- Players hiring club owned golf carts do so with the understanding that they are subject to the same rules as everybody else, as set out by the committee and this policy, and also accept liability for damage occurred to that cart, another cart, or the course or facilities, whilst it is under their control.
- Maximum of two (2) people in a cart at any one time. Players that bring young children on the course, whether playing or not, do so under their own responsibility and no liability will be accepted by Duntryleague if they, or anyone else, is injured by not adhering to this policy.
- Maximum of two (2) carts per group unless written permission has been sort by a player that supports the need to travel alone in a cart. This would typically require evidence in the form of a doctors/medical certificate.
- Carts are not to be driven within 30 metres of any green that does not consist of a formed cart path nearby. **No** exceptions.
- Where there is a cart path, carts are to be driven upon that path. When they are within the 30 metre limitations of the green, no cart shall deviate from any path. **No** exceptions.
- Carts are **never** to be driven on or across any teeing area or green. Anyone caught doing so will immediately be asked to leave the course and are not to return until such time as the committee determines the appropriate punishment/penalty.
- Carts are to be parked to the side of, or behind a green. Carts are **never** to be parked in front of the green whilst a player putts out. Carts are **not** to be parked in front of the 16th green. Carts are to be parked in the parking bay beside the 17th red tees or driven around the back of the green.

- This policy is to be strictly adhered to during the periods of dry weather and conditions, and when the golf course can handle the traffic of many carts. In reality, this will be most of the time throughout the year. However, during times of wet weather and conditions, additional restrictions may be enforced to maintain and protect the integrity of the course.
- When the course has been impacted by a heavy frost, carts are **not** to be driven on any part of any fairway that is impacted by such frost. Driving on frosty ground can 'burn' the grass and cause unsightly damage.
- During wet weather or conditions, the Course Superintendent, in consultation with the Captain of the day, or another committee member, may declare the course as 'WET' or 'EXTREME WET'.
- In a 'WET' situation, to maintain the needs of the members and guests wishing to play golf on such days, it would be preferred for carts to not enter the golf course, but will not be banned. However, carts will have additional restrictions placed on their movements and will be strictly enforced.
- When the course is declared 'WET', **no** cart shall be driven on, or across, any fairway or rough (between the fairway and first line of trees). Carts are only permitted to be driven on a cart path, or through the trees outside the first line of trees along any fairway. Players are to park near, and walk to their ball and take clubs, measuring devices and sand buckets to play their stroke. Players are to do their best to comply with the Pace of Play Policy.
- When the course is declared 'EXTREME WET', **no** carts will be allowed on the course. **No** exceptions.
- When the course is declared 'WET' or 'EXTREME WET', players will be notified via the Duntryleague website, and/or, social media, namely Facebook pages associated with 'Duntryleague' and 'Orange Golf', or players can contact the Pro Shop and there will also be signs on the 1st and 10th tees. In some situations, this declaration may be made at late notice and it is regrettable if this causes an inconvenience to any players.

Players that disregard the above policy may have their playing privileges or have their rights to use their cart, or ride in another cart, removed for a period of time. In more severe or continual breaches of this policy, the committee may impose a more appropriate punishment or penalty that it deems fit. In the most extreme cases, a member may have their membership cancelled.

In addition to the above, if a player causes damage to the course due to their actions, contrary to this policy, either deliberate or not, the committee may choose to invoice that player for the damage to the course, charged at a rate equivalent to the time it takes course staff to repair such damage and also for materials needed to repair any such damage.

Duntryleague members, by virtue of becoming a member, or renewing their membership, or guests, by virtue of paying the green fees of the day, are responsible to read and understand this policy. Once a player begins their round, they acknowledge that they will adhere to the conditions of this policy.