

Mt Coolum Golf Club Inc.

Motorised Carts

Mt Coolum Golf Club recognises that the use of motorised carts and ride-ons allow many golfers with mobility problems to remain in the sport for longer and therefore supports their use. The availability of carts is also an attraction to potential green fee players and for Members and their guests.

MCGC has invested considerable resources in providing improved playing areas particularly around greens. However, there is no doubt that the incorrect use of carts damages the grass surfaces through soil compaction and tyre wear.

Previously the only requirement was that carts were to remain at least 10 metres from every green. Unfortunately, too many cart drivers don't co-operate and continue to drive carts onto the green surrounds and other critical turf areas. This is a thoughtless and selfish attitude and disrespectful to the golf course and other golfers.

With this in mind, as of July 1 2011, the Club will implement a policy for the use of carts and ride-ons that balances the needs of all parties. The Club is well advanced on the process to construct cart paths in selected areas around the course, and more are planned for the future. All cart and ride-on users are expected to use the paths at all times. Where there is no designated path, cart and ride-on users are expected to only travel on areas that are not likely to be damaged by the vehicle.

Safety of cart users is also a major concern. The policy also outlines expected safe behaviour for the use of motorised carts and ride-ons.

This policy will be publicised on the Club's website and will be given to each cart or ride-on user. All club members are expected to help enforce this policy and are encouraged to report breaches to the Pro Shop, Secretary Manager, or Board member. Users who breach the policy will face the range of disciplinary action available under the Club rules and may be liable for costs associated with any damage caused negligently or recklessly.

The Club reserves the right to ban the use of carts should conditions warrant it. When a ban is in place, a notice will be displayed on the Club's website and signage placed on the first tee.

So enjoy your golf, enjoy your cart, but please be very mindful of the welfare of yourself, others and the course when using a cart.

Management
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Motorised Golf Cart Policy

Please note the following requirements for any motorised carts and ride-ons at Mt Coolum:

1. All motorised golf cart drivers must be over 18 years of age and possess a current driver's licence.
2. All owners of motorised carts must be insured against personal accident and property damage.
3. The vehicle must be operated from the driver's side only.
4. All golfers and motorised carts shall give way to course staff and machinery.
5. To prevent possible serious injury, driver and passenger must keep their entire bodies within the vehicle.
6. To prevent falls from the vehicle, remain seated when the vehicle is moving and hold onto handles or hand rails at all times.
7. Do not overload the vehicle and never have more passengers than seats available (e.g. 1 bench seat = 1 driver and 1 passenger).
8. To avoid possible injury to passengers, pedestrians, drivers or damage to other vehicles, avoid sudden starts, sudden stops and abrupt turns. Also reduce speed in crowded areas/roads and for turning.
9. To avoid the possibility of losing control of the vehicle, reduce speed for adverse driving conditions such as wet grass or rough terrain.
10. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medications that adversely affect your ability to drive or react.
11. Keep to established paths whenever possible.
12. Keep carts at least 10 metres from all greens and greenside bunkers unless the area is roped off. Carts are NOT permitted inside the roped areas.
13. Park carts to the rear of greens or to the side leading to the next tee, NEVER in front of greens. This will greatly assist the Pace of Play.
14. Do not drive over mounds that are within 10m of greens.
15. Near tees, carts must remain on the pathway and shall not be driven on tee surrounds.
16. If course conditions are wet, carts should only travel on the driest and firmest parts of the golf course and should stay away from critical golf areas as much as possible.

In order to protect the course and provide the best playing conditions for all golfers, the Board has implemented the following:

- A. Members who breach the policy will receive a written warning.
- B. When a further breach of the policy occurs; the Member will be subject to a ban from driving or riding in/on carts within the course and grounds of the Club for a period of one (1) month.
- C. Any subsequent breaches will require the member to meet with the Management Committee to explain their actions. The Management Committee may take further disciplinary action.

These are severe penalties and it is hoped we will never have to use them.

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