DEVONPORT
COUNTRY CLUB

Devonport Country Club Incorporated GOLF CART POLICY	Version: 1
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1. Introduction

The Devonport Country Club Inc (the Club) is determined to establish a standard for the safe operation of all golf carts operated at the Club. This policy sets down the criterion 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.

2. Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the Club Golf Cart Policy is to:

- Ensure the safe use of golf carts on Club property for the protection of all cart users and persons using the Club facilities;
- Ensure that golf cart use does not damage the golf course or other property on or at the Club.
- Provide for the safe and responsible golf cart use at all times.
- To inform everyone who uses golf carts at the Club of their responsibilities and the standards of behaviour expected of them.

3. To Whom Our Policy Applies

This policy applies to everyone using a golf cart at the Club.

4. Responsibilities

Everyone using a golf cart at the Club must:

- Make themselves aware of the contents of this policy
- Comply with all relevant provisions of this policy, including the standards of behaviour outlined in this policy
- Consent to Management's screening requirements set out in this policy
- Be responsible and accountable for their behaviour; and
- Comply with any decisions and/or disciplinary measures imposed under this policy.

5. Safe Operating Procedures

5.1 Qualification

Any person who chooses to operate a cart on the Golf Course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the cart and be fully accountable for their actions and consequences of such use. The safe operation of golf carts on the course requires care and adherence to the minimum standards prescribed by this policy. Golf carts must be operated in accordance with the requirements of this policy.

5.2 General Use

Any person who chooses to operate a cart on the Golf Course must follow written and or/verbal instructions, including signage on course, as to where the carts may or may not travel.

Local rules to be followed at all times include the following:

- Carts can only be used for a maximum of two persons and two sets of golf clubs.
- Carts must keep a minimum of 10 metres away from greens and 5 metres from tee beds and bunkers.
- Carts must stay outside any designated cart free areas during winter/wet months or such other times as management may determine.

5.3 Use in General Play and Competition

Golf carts may be used during general, closed and open competitions unless stated otherwise by the Devonport Country Club or the Golf Committee

5.4 Golf Cart Safety Policy

The golf course has a duty of care to all users. It is the responsibility of both the Club and the user of the golf cart to ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use golf carts, but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective golf cart or careless use.

First of all, it is the responsibility of the Club to provide adequately safe equipment. Second it is the responsibility of the user of the golf cart to ensure their own safety and the safety of others during its operation. The topography of certain areas of the Golf course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by the user of the golf cart at all times.

Pedestrians shall be given the right of way at all times.

5.5 Safe Working Practice

- **Essential**

Golf cart operators must always comply with conditions of the Devonport Country Club liquor licence and not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Only persons aged 16 and over that hold a current Provisional or full Driving License for either a motorcycle or car may operate a golf cart. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted to operate carts on the golf course.

If a person has a licence to operate their own golf cart, they must follow the rules imposed by the Devonport Country Club.

- **Before Use**

Golf cart operators must not be under the influence of alcoholic drinks or drugs. The Club, through its authorised staff, may deny any person the privilege of using a cart on

the course if they have a reasonable suspicion that such person's capacity to safely operate the cart according to this policy is impaired or if the demeanour of such person is deemed inappropriate to operate a cart on the course according to his policy and the Club's Code of Conduct.

The safety of personnel in golf carts is the responsibility of the driver. The Devonport Golf Club is not responsible for any injury, accident to personnel, property or damage to golf carts. The Club's insurance does not cover the use of golf carts or incidents arising from the use of golf carts.

The user will be fully responsible for any damage to the golf cart, or injury to any third party and will reimburse the Devonport Country Club for any damage to the golf cart.

- **During Use**

Golf carts must not be used on the areas of the course where prohibitive signs have been placed.

Golf carts shall have a maximum of two (2) people, i.e. driver and one passenger, both must be seated at all times whilst the cart is being operated. No one is to ride on the outside of cart.

Carts shall be operated at speeds no greater than all safety concerns demand.

Golf carts are to be operated with the utmost care and consideration for the Club's property. Should any damage, accident or injury occur the Sport Shop staff must be notified immediately.

No one is to operate a golf cart who is deemed to be over the legal limit in regard to the consumption of alcohol, i.e. over the legal limit as stated by the road traffic laws set down for the state of Tasmania and any particular license requirements.

Operators of golf carts are to observe all directions given by course staff.

To protect the property of the Club and the condition of the course cart users must comply with the following rules:

- Park your cart at least 10 metres from all Greens and 5 metres from tee beds and bunkers.
- Drive your cart on paths if available or on the edge of the fairways.
- Avoid driving through any casual water, on mounds and surrounds and close to bunkers.
- Petrol Fuelled Golf Carts: No fuel is to be stored in the golf cart shed.
- Refuelling of petrol operated golf carts **MUST** take place outside and at least 10metres from the golf cart shed.

- **After Use**

When the user has finished using the golf cart, it is to be returned to the pick-up and drop-off point immediately.