YARRAWONGA MULWALA GOLF CLUB RESORT

Name of Policy: Motorised Cart Usage Policy

STATEMENT: Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort is committed to ensuring that all players are able to enjoy their rounds of golf. This includes those players who utilise golf carts, either their own or one hired from the ProShop

DEFINITION: Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort (YMGCR) encourages golfers to walk the course; however we recognise that the use of motorised carts allows golfers with mobility problems to remain in the sport for longer and therefore support their use. The availability of carts is a benefit for Members and their guests and also an attraction to potential green fee players. The aim of this policy aims to provide guidance on cart usage on the course and a number of other cart related aspects.

POLICY: Motorised carts are an accepted part of the game and are welcomed at our Club. YMGCR 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. Unfortunately, some cart drivers don't cooperate and continue to drive carts onto the green surrounds and other critical turf areas. The Club had embarked on a process to prepare and replace cart paths in selected areas around the course, with more to come over time. With this in mind, the Club will implement a policy for the use of carts that balances the needs of all parties. All cart users are expected to use the existing paths at all times. Carts are not to be driven within 10 metres of greens or on embankments around tees or greens unless under an approved exemption. This policy will be published on the Club's website and will be provided to all members. All club members are expected to help enforce this policy and are encouraged to report breaches. Users who breach the policy will face the range of disciplinary action available under the YMGCR Code of Conduct and may be liable for costs associated with any damage caused negligently or recklessly.

The Golf Committee will monitor compliance with this Policy.

The following are general requirements for all motorised carts:

- Persons must be 17 years of age or hold a valid drivers licence to operate a motorised golf cart at YMGCR
- Golf carts must not carry more occupants than the number for which the cart has been designed.
- No person is permitted to ride while standing on the golf bag shelf, rear of the cart, side of the cart or any other area not specifically designed to carry passengers.
- Carts must keep to established paths whenever possible.
- All signage displayed on or around the golf courses and Club grounds must be strictly observed.
- Cart users must comply with all directional, safety and course-protection signage, including temporary signage installed due to weather, maintenance or changing course conditions.
- Where an area has been identified as restricted to golf carts, carts must not enter that area.
- Carts must not be driven or parked on or within 10 metres of greens and greenside bunkers. Drivers may park within 10 metres of tees only on the designated cart paths.
- Do not drive over mounds that are within 10m of greens
- Carts are NOT permitted inside any roped off areas
- Consideration should be given to shutting off petrol motors while nearby players play their shots.
- Motorised vehicle users must not turn so tightly that they cause turf damage.
- 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.
- Near tees, carts must remain on the pathway and shall not be driven on tee surrounds.
- 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

Group Numbers and Configurations

Foursome - Two Walkers & Two Riders. The two riders are to share one cart, keeping cart usage efficient.

Foursome - One Walker & Three Riders. Three players in two carts.

Threesome - One Walker & Two Riders. The two riders are to share a cart

Exception:

YMGCR members who are aged 80 years and over are able to ride solo in a golf cart in both competition events and social play. However, where possible, all members over the age of 80 are encouraged to share a cart where practicable.

Members with medical issues and a medical certificate may apply to YMGCR for dispensation to ride solo. If approved by YMGCR, they will be provided with a clearly visible identifier that must be displayed on their cart. A register will be kept to record any exemptions granted

Pro Shop will have discretion to allow solo use on a case by case basis should circumstances dictate on the day.

Wet Weather Play

Use the 90-Degree Rule. In effect the "90–degree rule" means that the golf course is allowing carts onto the fairways but only at 90-degree angles from the cart path or rough. In other words, don't drive the golf cart up the middle of the fairway from the tee box to your golf ball. Stay on the cart path or in the rough until you are level with your golf ball, then make a 90-degree turn off the cart path and drive straight across to the ball. The "90-degree rule" minimizes the time a golf cart spends rolling over the grass, while still allowing convenience for golfers.

Cart Path/Rough Only (part or all course) YMGCR may post signs that designate certain holes off-limits to carts, for example, "Cart path/rough only on No. 6 and No. 8. In this situation, on the specified holes carts are required to keep on the designated cart path/rough only and players will need to walk from there to their balls. In some instances the cart path/rough only rule will apply to all holes and where defined paths are not in existence the cart must be kept off mown fairway areas at all times and players will need to walk to their balls.

Extreme Wet Weather Play

No Carts – in this instance NO cart use on the golf course will be permitted The Club reserves the right to modify or ban the use of carts should conditions warrant it. When this occurs, members will be notified by email, a notice will also be displayed on the Club's website and signage placed at the clubhouse and on the first tee. Any wet weather decision making is influenced by two primary considerations, player/operator safety and preservation of the golf course. The decision to approve, modify or suspend the use of golf carts is undertaken in consultation between the Golf Committee Chair and the Course Superintendent. On competition days this decision will be made by the Captain, YMGCR golf professional or event coordinator with the Course Superintendent.

General

Compliance with this Golf Cart Policy is a condition of using a golf cart on YMGCR property.

A Member who fails to comply with this Policy, disregards signage or refuses to follow a reasonable direction from an authorised YMGCR representative may be considered to have breached the Policy.

Depending on the nature, seriousness or frequency of the breach, YMGCR may take appropriate action in accordance with the YMGCR Code of Conduct and other applicable Club policies.

Repeated or deliberate non-compliance may result in further disciplinary action and/or restrictions being placed on the Member's use of a golf cart.

The purpose of these requirements is not to unnecessarily restrict Members' use of golf carts, but to ensure that carts are operated safely, responsibly and with consideration for fellow Members, staff and the long-term condition of our golf courses.

RELATED LEGISLATION: Nil

RELATED DOCUMENTS: Motorised Golf Cart On-site Storage Agreement

RELATED POLICIES: Motorised Golf Cart Storage Policy

Code of Conduct Policy

Risk & Compliance Policy

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