



# **Consett & District Golf Club**

## **Buggy Policy & Information Pack**

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# **BUGGY POLICY & PROCEDURES**

## **1. Introduction**

- a. This document defines the requirements and responsibilities of Consett & District Golf Club and members/visitors regarding the use of ride on Buggies. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all Club and Privately owned ride on buggies operated on the course at Consett & District Golf Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for their use, giving due regard to the obligations of Consett Golf Club under the Equality Act 2010. This policy also ensures that the safety of all members, visitors, and staff is maintained through strict adherence to guidelines designed to prevent accidents and ensure a smooth operation.
- b. A copy of this Buggy Policy is available to all Members and Visitors on the Club website.

## **2. Ownership**

- a. The Club Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate Director, is responsible for the annual review, update, and amendment of this Buggy Policy. Any proposed changes must be approved by the Board of Directors. Once approved, the Secretary will ensure that the updated documentation is distributed to all relevant parties, including members who own privately operated ride-on buggies.

## **3. Qualifications**

- a. During normal conditions the use of Club and privately owned ride on buggies will be permitted without restrictions for casual and most competition golf (see Competitions Policy for more info) as authorised by the Club.
- b. During the winter period (usually October until March) only members, and visitors who have a disability (within the meaning of the above listed Equality Act 2010) which renders them unable to play golf without the use of a ride on buggy, will be authorised to use a buggy on the course.
- c. The Head Greenkeeper may determine that the general condition of the Course or the weather is such that safety on the Course may be compromised if a ride on buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the Course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include water logging, frost, snow etc
- d. During adverse weather conditions buggy users may have to adhere to specific routes which avoid problematic holes/areas of the course, over a reduced hole course. Where such conditions arise, the Club will review the situation on at least a daily basis.
- e. Members and visitors who have a disability (within the meaning of the above listed Equality Act 2010) and who require greater access to [certain parts of] the course can, by prior arrangement (from the Club Secretary, Head Greenkeeper or a Club Director) be granted special access. To register for this facility, a formal letter of medical limitations will need to be completed and returned to the Club Secretary in confidence. These members will need to display a Flag/Sticker provided by the club to indicate to other members on the course their additional access requirements.
- f. Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a ride on buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. Buggies must only be operated by the person making payment for Club Hired Buggies, the chosen responsible person, or by the Insured individual if using a privately owned Buggy.
- g. Information on Course & buggy usage will be available at the Club shop/First Tee.
- h. The Club will endeavour to ensure that restrictions placed on buggy users will be kept to a minimum. The detailed procedures for use of Club and Private ride-on Buggies are listed below.
- i. The Club reserves the right to refuse permission if some or all of the conditions stipulated are not complied with.

#### **4. Appeals Procedure**

- a. Any decision by Consett & District Golf Club refusing a player permission to use a golf buggy may be appealed by the player to the Board of Directors via the Club Secretary.
- b. An appeal shall be made in writing and submitted to the Club Secretary within 7 days of the initial decision. Any written appeal request shall also include a statement by the player of the reasons why he/she is seeking to appeal the decision.
- c. The Board of Directors shall make a decision on an appeal and communicate it to the player, via the Company Secretary within 3 days after the next available meeting of the Board.

#### **5. Club-Hired Buggies**

- a. The Club Shop will be responsible for the day to day running of the Club buggy hire scheme and the following procedures must be observed:
  - i. Club Buggies must be stored overnight in the Buggy Storage area.
  - ii. Club Buggies can be pre-booked by members two (2) weeks in advance and to visitors at a maximum of ten (10) days in advance. Priority should be given to disabled golfers but will be on a first come first served basis.
  - iii. At the start of each day the Club Shop will arrange for all Club buggies to be ready for hire. A check of each buggy will be made for charge, brakes and cleanliness.
  - iv. Each hired buggy will be signed out by the shop staff and checked on return with any faults recorded.
  - v. The Club Shop will record all Club buggy hire details on the BRS on-line booking system. The shop & Secretary will agree weekly accounts for the Club buggies.
  - vi. Buggies must be returned during normal opening hours. When the shop is closed the user must park the buggy in Buggy Storage area and return the keys to bar staff within the Clubhouse.
  - vii. A weekly maintenance check on the buggies will be carried out by the Secretary. Any faulty buggy will be taken out of service and labelled "Out of Service".

#### **6. Privately Owned Buggies**

- a. Privately owned buggies may not be hired for use on the course. All members with privately owned buggies must be in receipt of the this Document, which must be signed by themselves and a Club Representative (Club Secretary or Director)
- b. Owners must ensure their buggy is well-maintained and safe for use at all times.
- c. Members and Visitors must provide proof of having appropriate comprehensive insurance. Copies of the Member's insurance policy must be submitted annually to the Club Office.
- d. Only the listed member/visitor who is covered by insurance will be allowed to operate a buggy.
- e. The Club will offer a limited storage area for privately owned buggies. Application for a space within the storage area must be made to the Secretary. The Annual cost of a space will be advised of by the club as part of the Annual Bill to members. When the storage area is full a waiting list will be maintained by the Club Secretary.
- f. If a Member no longer requires the buggy space, ownership will return to the Club for allocation to the next Member on the waiting list. Individual arrangements for transfer are NOT permitted.
- g. Only the insured buggy will be allowed to stay in the hired space. Any other items are not permitted, this includes but is not limited to Fuel Containers and Golf Equipment. If there are any questions regarding what is allowed to be kept , please contact the Club Secretary.

#### **7. Golf Buggy Safety**

- a. The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and prudence must be shown by the user of a ride on buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use buggies. The Club must ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use ride on buggies but who might

be at risk from a mechanically defective ride on buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.

- b. All potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:
- i. Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way in all circumstances.
  - ii. Ride on buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on laneways or paved areas. The Club Shop will provide training for members unfamiliar with the operation of buggies.
  - iii. Ride on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is hired or on the property owned by the Club. A charge of £50 will be made if keys are lost during the period of hire.
  - iv. Ride on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
  - v. Ride on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common rules of the road` regardless of whether they are operated on paved areas or laneways.
  - vi. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
  - vii. The consumption of alcohol, use of drugs, or operating a buggy while under the influence of either is strictly prohibited when using the ride-on buggy.
  - viii. Drive slowly downhill and set brake when stopped.
  - ix. No person under the age of seventeen (17) to operate a buggy.
  - x. Club buggies must be driven only within the boundaries of Consett & District Golf Club.
  - xi. Consett & District Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride on buggies beyond the confines of the course and the club car-parks other than those operated by their servants or agents.
  - xii. The Club Secretary has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride on buggy. Application for reinstatement of permission can only be made to the Directors, via the Club Secretary.
  - xiii. Always drive buggy from tee to green. **Do not drive in opposite direction as hazards can be hidden from view.**
  - xiv. In the event of an accident, the user must report the incident to the Club Shop / Clubhouse immediately. The Club will investigate all accidents and take appropriate action to prevent future occurrences

## 8. Golf Buggy Safe Working Procedures

- a. Consett & District Golf Club has carried out a **Course Risk Profile for Ride on Buggy Users** to ensure safe use of ride on buggies on the Golf Course. Before using a ride on buggy on the golf course, members and visitors must make themselves aware of this full document which is available from the Club Office, the Club Shop & our Website.
- b. **Before use:**
  - i. All operators of ride on buggies must sign a **Buggy Policy Acknowledgement Form** before they are allowed to drive the buggy.
  - ii. A ride on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
- c. **During use:**
  - i. Do not move off until the occupants are seated
  - ii. Do not drive from any position other than the drivers sitting position
  - iii. Always follow course signage to reduce risk
  - iv. Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion
  - v. Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy while the vehicle is in motion
  - vi. Ride on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas
  - vii. The vehicle must be used to progress the game but must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g., when looking for golf balls

- viii. The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them
- ix. Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
- x. Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle
- xi. Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely:
  - 1. Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow
  - 2. To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes
  - 3. Slow down before corners.
  - 4. All turns must be executed at reduced speeds
  - 5. Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control
  - 6. Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy
- xii. In the event of an accident, the user must report the incident to the Club Shop immediately. The Club will investigate all accidents and take appropriate action to prevent future occurrences
- d. After use:
  - i. When the vehicle is left unattended, switch off ignition, remove the key and engage the parking brake

## 9. Course Traffic / Route Guidelines

- a. Due to the layout of Consett & District Golf Club consideration has and will continue to be given to the potentially hazardous nature of parts of the Golf Course.
- b. To avoid wet areas, ride-on buggies must be driven only on the fairway. Ride-on buggies are not permitted within 15 yards of any green, bunker, water hazard or tee except when using a pathway, or further than any White lines designated by the Greenkeepers.
- c. The Course Risk Profile assessment document will assist Ride-on buggy users to understand the golf course layout and advise of the areas where they need to be careful or avoid completely.
- d. Buggy users are responsible for their own safety. During the winter, areas of the course are likely to be more slippery than during drier times of the year. Consideration should be given by the user as to whether it is safe to enter the course or play specific holes on the course by checking with the Club Shop or Secretary.
- e. The Golf Buggy Safety Policy and Safe Working Practice documents should both be read in conjunction with the following Course Hole by Hole Risk Assessment Profile listed below.
- f. All buggy users are encouraged to report any hazards or unsafe conditions they encounter on the course to the Club Shop or a member of staff immediately. Prompt reporting allows us to address these issues quickly, ensuring the safety of all members and visitors.

## 10. Course Risk Profile & Directions whilst operating a Ride-On Buggy

- a. Hole 1
  - i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – 18<sup>th</sup> Green to the right of the Fairway / 18<sup>th</sup> tee is to the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> tee to the left of Green
  - iii. Directions – Approach the tee using the path provided. Exit the tee on the path - staying to the centre of the fairway. At the green - buggies should be parked outside of the white lines. Buggies should NOT be taken to the top right of the green, as you approach it.
- b. Hole 2
  - i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – Ditch Across the right hand round
  - iii. Directions - On the tee buggies should be parked, removing any interference to those playing 1st hole. Buggies must not be taken into the semi-rough areas. Park buggies on the fairway before playing any balls out of the rough. At the green - buggies should not encroach beyond the white lines. Moving to the 3rd tee, buggies should be driven through the semi rough - to the front of the green. ALL BUGGY USERS SHOULD TAKE EXTRA CARE IN THIS AREA - THIS IS PRONE TO A BUILD UP OF MUD. THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF COURSE DAMAGE IN THIS AREA.

- c. Hole 3
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Ditch across fairway, drive Buggy across the bridge. Hill after ditch. Do not drive Buggy behind the green between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> greens.
  - iii. Directions - At the tee - Buggies should be driven to the lower side of the winter tee mat. In summer, buggies should be left at the cordoned area when wet to prevent becoming stuck in the mud. Use the centre of the fairway when playing the hole. Buggies should not be driven into the semi rough between the second and third holes. At the green - buggies should be parked between the green and the 4th tee.
- d. Hole 4
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Ditch across fairway, drive buggy across bridge. Access road on approach to green, take appropriate care. Slope over access road, buggies not to be driven in this area.
  - iii. Directions - On the tee - buggies should use the path provided. Exiting the tee - buggies should use the larger of the bridges across the open ditch (right hand side). Approach to the green - when before the access road, use the centre of the fairway. Where balls have been hit over the road, buggies should be driven directly toward the path to the side of the 5th green. Buggies should not be on the grass to the lower of the green. Buggies must never be taken to the top side of the green. Buggies should be parked by the 5th tee before putting out on the 4th green.
- e. Hole 5
  - i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – Use cart path provided
  - iii. Directions - On the tee - buggies should remain where parked for putting on 4th green. Exiting the tee, buggies must only use the path provided.
- f. Hole 6
  - i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – Use cart path provided
  - iii. Directions - Buggies must use the path / access road provided. At the green - buggies to be parked on the access road, adjacent to the 7th tee.
- g. Hole 7
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Slope from tee to fairway, use cart path provided. Ditch across fairway, cross area at either side of the ditch.
  - iii. Directions - On the tee - buggies must use the path provided from the tee. At the end of the path, remain to the centre of the fairway. Traverse the ditch using either side of the open ditch, before moving back toward the centre of the fairway. Buggies must not be driven in the semi rough areas on the left of the fairway - or into the copse areas between 7th and 9th fairways. Approaching the green - the path provided must be used.
- h. Hole 8
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Use cart path provided. Take caution when driving through trees, taking note of uneven surfaces.
  - iii. Directions - The path provided from 7th green to 8th tee must be used. Exiting the tee - approaching the green, use the path provided, moving into the trees to get to the green. Buggies must remain in the trees whilst putting out.
- i. Hole 9
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Take Caution when driving through trees, taking note of uneven surfaces. Ditch across fairway, cross ditch to either side of the ditch. Slope on approach to green.
  - iii. Directions - Buggies must use the path provided in the trees to get to the tee. Paths should be used at all times in advance of joining the 9th fairway. Approach to the green - approach by the left of the green up the less steep areas of the hill. Buggies must never be taken up the steepest part of the approach to the green (to the right on approach).
- j. Hole 10

- i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – Medium slope moving down the fairway. Open ditch to left hand side of fairway past rough. Do not drive into this area.
  - iii. Directions - Buggies to be taken in the centre of the fairway before approaching green. At the green - buggies to use the path provided, moving behind the 11th tee before putting out.
- k. Hole 11
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – User cart path from 10<sup>th</sup> green to tee then exit from the tee. Sloped fairway, progressively steeper on approach to green. Open ditch to right hand side at the bottom of the slop in cut rough area.
  - iii. Directions - Exit the path from the tee to move toward the right hand side of the fairway. The left of the fairway naturally collects water from the hill above. Approach the green to the left. Where balls are to the top side of the green, buggies should be taken as near to the trees as possible to avoid damage to run off areas at the back of the green.
- l. Hole 12
  - i. Risk – Low
  - ii. Comments – Slope from tee, use path provided to reach fairway
  - iii. On the tee - buggies should be taken to the top side of the tee. The open ditch can only be crossed via the bridge provided. Approach the green using the centre of the fairway. Buggies must not be taken into the semi rough areas between 12 and 13 fairways. At the green - park buggies by the dry path to the front right. To get to 13th tee - drive in a straight line from the parking area to the tee. This area is a known wet area. Making unnecessary turns increases the risk of damage to the course.
- m. Hole 13
  - i. Risk – High
  - ii. Comments – Slope across middle of fairway and to approach to the green. Increased risk of overturning.
  - iii. Directions - On the tee - park to the lower of the winter tee. Exiting the tee - be aware of the sloped fairway. Drive in straight lines, avoiding turns on the sloped areas at all times. Buggies must not be taken into the semi rough areas between 12 and 13 fairways. Be aware of tee shots travelling to the right, toward the 12th fairway - a call of fore should be made.
- n. Hole 14
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Steep slope from tee to green
  - iii. Directions - Do not take buggies to the lower tee in wet periods. For the winter tee - follow roped areas. Approach the green following the roped areas, to the right hand side of the trees on the approach to the green.
- o. Hole 15
  - i. Risk – High
  - ii. Comments – Steep slope from tee to green. Take caution on approach to green and making your way around to 16<sup>th</sup> tee. Increased risk of overturning.
  - iii. Directions - At the tee - park to the lower area of the tee, leaving a short walk. This area is prone to mud, which is worsened by buggy use. Use the centre of the fairway to approach the green. **RISK OF OVERTURNING** - At the end of the trees to the approach, take a wide route to the lower side of the green, rising to the 16th green in a straight line to reach the path before putting.
- p. Hole 16
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – User cart path provided to reach fairway. Open ditch on approach to green. User cart path to left of the green. So not drive buggy between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> greens.
  - iii. Directions - **BLIND HOLE** - Buggies must not be taken to the white tee as there is a risk of overturning. Use the path provided on exiting the tee - before using the centre of the fairway to approach the green. Approach to the green - use the path provided before parking and putting out.
- q. Hole 17
  - i. Risk – Medium
  - ii. Comments – Steep slope from tee to green. User cart path provided.

- iii. Directions - Use the path provided at all times on this hole.
- r. Hole 18
  - i. Risk – High
  - ii. Comments – User cart path from tee. Exit the green using path provided. Steep cross slope across fairway. Increased risk of overturning.
  - iii. Directions - From 17th green - use the path provided to reach the 18th tee. Exiting the tee - use the path provided, taking the lower route toward the first fairway. RISK OF OVERTURNING - On approach to the green - drive in a straight line to meet the path exiting the course to the front of the green.

## 11. General Rules

- a. It is your responsibility, as a golfer, caddy or spectator on the course, to ensure that you adhere to the health and safety advice and hole by hole hazard notification and adhere to the following:
- b. Players are expected to be aware, at all times, of danger to others and themselves. Care must be taken at all times to avoid accidents or injuries to oneself and to other players, officials, public or staff. You are advised to take particular care when moving around the course in wet or cold weather, when underfoot conditions may require extra caution.
- c. Steps on the course should be used with great care, especially in wet conditions. Ensure that you have appropriate golf shoes with well-maintained spikes. All persons entering the course who may be unsteady should consider the use of walking aids, such as trekking sticks to provide additional support.
- d. You are advised to adopt caution and be aware of your surroundings when close to any trees on the course, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions. While branches considered to be dangerous are removed whenever possible, Consett & District Golf Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time.
- e. The golf course is situated on several steep slopes. You are advised to use caution when going down or up any steep incline on the course, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on any directional signage for buggies and/or trolleys is also essential in order to minimise risk in this respect.
- f. You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (including trees, sand, soil and grass), particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course. A notice on the 1st tee will advise when spraying is in progress or has recently been undertaken.
- g. In the event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, please do not make contact with it. Please report any instance to a member of the green keeping staff or staff in the clubhouse, who will make arrangements to deal with it accordingly.
- h. You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball, and to follow the advice of cautionary notices to this effect that are placed in particular areas on the course. Particular care should be taken where the landing area is not clearly visible from the tee and areas where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions. An overview of hole hazards has been provided and should be read before entering the course. These are advised risks, but are not an exhaustive list of risks which exist on the golf course. You are responsible for your own safety and that of other people on the golf course.
- i. You are advised, when playing, to take every precaution to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken at holes where the landing area is not clearly visible (especially the 4th, 7th, 11th and 16th holes, where teeing off should only commence after appropriate checks have been made, for 4th and 16th holes, this includes when the bell has been sounded by the players in front), and wherever parallel fairways are played in opposing directions.
- j. Never play a shot unless the players ahead are well out of range. If a miss-hit is heading in the direction of other golfers, you must shout 'Fore!' in a loud voice to alert players of possible danger. If 'Fore!' is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible.
- k. When looking for a lost ball, leave trolley or bag on fairway to act as a visible marker of your presence.
- l. Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the course. A swinging golf club can be dangerous and can cause damage.



- m. The green keeping staff are regularly working on the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of, and have acknowledged your presence, prior to playing in their proximity.
- n. Animal holes and rabbit holes are an unfortunate occurrence on golf courses. Greens staff endeavour to fill in holes, however, they can be obscured by grass on tracks and elsewhere and may pose a risk of tripping and falling. Watch for indentations caused by rabbits or burrowing animals and be careful when using pathways and tracks.
- o. Buggies are available for hire. Apart from these, the use of motorised, ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior approval by the Directors. All buggies must be operated in accordance with safety instructions and course safety notices. When in use, keep a safe distance from open ditches and ensure steep slopes are ascended or descended in a straight line to reduce the risk of overturning.
- p. The pond on the 5th hole and open ditches are a feature on the course, take care if retrieving balls from these areas.
- q. Out of bounds – players must take care when exiting the boundary of the golf course to retrieve balls. In particular player must not retrieve balls from the left hand side of the 14th fairway. Extreme care should be taken when attempting to retrieve a ball from to the side of the 16th and 17th holes where cattle may be present.
- r. All members, guests and green fee players are kindly requested to advise any member of staff of any hazards they feel have not been addressed above. All accidents or incidents should also be reported to staff within the clubhouse.

## 12. Hole Hazard Overview

- a. This List is not an exhaustive list of hazards on each hole. Due diligence and personal care must be taken to ensure your safety on the course.
- b. Hole 1
  - i. Teeing off - players should be aware of players approaching 18th green (to the right) and players on the second hole (to the left) who are past the 'hump' on the second hole. You must shout 'fore' if your ball travels either to the left or right of the fairway.
  - ii. Approach - players should be aware of balls travelling left, towards the 2nd tee, and to the right, towards the 18th tee. A shout of 'fore' should be made if balls are travelling in either direction.
- c. Hole 2
  - i. On the tee - players should be aware of the potential for wayward approach shots to the 1st green from the group following. When playing a tee shot, players should be aware of players approaching 1st green (to the left) and players on the third hole (to the right). You must shout 'fore' if your ball travels either to the left or right of the fairway.
  - ii. The tee is in close proximity to the 17th tee. Whichever group arrives at the tee first should take priority in teeing off.
- d. Hole 3
  - i. Teeing off - players should be aware of players approaching 2nd green (to the right) and players on the fourth hole (to the left). You must shout 'fore' if your ball travels either to the left or right of the fairway.
  - ii. Approach to the green - players should be aware of balls travelling left, towards the 4th tee. A shout of 'fore' should be made if balls are travelling towards the 4th tee.
  - iii. On the tee - players should be aware of the potential for wayward approach shots to the 3rd green from the group following. When playing a tee shot, players should be aware of players approaching 3rd green (to the left). Longer hitters should take notice of players on the 6th green (straight ahead) as balls can reach this area. In either case, you must shout 'fore'.
- e. Hole 4
  - i. Approach to the green - players making approach shot must ensure the group in front have cleared the green.
  - ii. On the green - players should allow tee shots from the 5th hole to be completed, before putting commences.

- iii. Exiting the green - when the hole has been completed, please ring the bell, positioned at the rear of the green to indicate to the group following that the green is clear.
- f. Hole 5
  - i. On the tee - players should be aware of groups approaching the 4th green, to the right. 'Fore' should be called if a ball travels to the right of the tee.
- g. Hole 6
  - i. Beware of vehicles travelling down the access road to the front of the tee box. Tee shots travelling to the left could reach the 7th tee. A call of 'fore' should be made.
- h. Hole 7
  - i. On the tee - ensure all bags are on the path or to the tee side of the path, removing the risk of balls from 6th tee striking bags.
  - ii. Tee shots should not be played until the group in front have cleared the open ditch. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure the safety of the group in front. Tee shots travelling to the right should be accompanied by a call of fore.
- i. Hole 8
  - i. Be aware of risk to the public on the left hand side, outside the fence - and boundary to the course.
- j. Hole 9
  - i. On the tee - players should consider players on the 13th tee. Where possible, play alternative tee shots between groups, so as not to delay play.
- k. Hole 10
  - i. On the tee - balls travelling to the right may reach the 16th fairway. A call of fore should be made in this instance.
  - ii. Approach to the green - be aware of shots travelling to the left of the green and toward the 11th tee box. Players should also be aware of other players exiting the 16th tee (on the side of the hill), where approach shots travel to the right.
- l. Hole 11
  - i. On the tee - ensure all bags and trolleys are taken to the left of the tee on the path provided. Be aware of approach shots to the 10th green from the following group.
  - ii. Prior to teeing off, ensure the group in front have played their approach shots and have begun to ascend the approach to the green.
- m. Hole 12
  - i. On the tee - players should consider wayward approach shots to 11th green, and from 14th tee.
- n. Hole 13
  - i. On the tee - players should consider players on the 9th tee. Where possible, play alternative tee shots between groups, so as not to delay play.
  - ii. Be aware of tee shots travelling to the right, toward the 12th fairway - a call of fore should be made.
- o. Hole 14
  - i. Tee shots travelling in the direction of the conifers to the right should be accompanied with a call of fore, warning players both approaching or on the 11th green, and players teeing off from the 12th hole.
- p. Hole 15
  - i. Wayward tee shots to the right, toward the 11th fairway should be accompanied by a call of fore.
- q. Hole 16
  - i. On exiting the tee, use the full length of the path provided where possible. Be aware of wayward approach shots to the 10th green.
  - ii. On approach to the green - the last player in the group should ring the bell to the side of the open ditch to signify to the group following that it is safe to take their tee shots.
- r. Hole 17
  - i. Be aware of players teeing off from the 2nd hole. The group on the tee first should take priority. Be aware of players teeing off on the lower 18th tee. A call of fore should be made if a ball travels toward the tee.
- s. Hole 18
  - i. On the lower tee, players should be aware of players playing approach shots toward the 1st green.

- ii. On the tee - When playing a tee shot from all tees, balls travelling to the right should be accompanied by a shout of 'fore'. The hole is considered a 'call hole' from all tees. Players should be aware of where the group in front of them is.
- iii. On the green - All players should ensure that when all players have their balls on the green, groups stand at the rear of the green, call the group behind on and wait until all tee shots have been struck, bags and trolleys should be placed by the side of the path or at the rear of the green to minimise an approaching tee shot striking a bag.

# **GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

**All Buggy Users must complete this form prior to operating a ride on golf buggy**

Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a ride on buggy at Consett & District Golf Club is deemed, by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof. Members using Private Buggies are only required to complete an acknowledgement form once per year, once proof of insurance is provided.

The safe operation of ride on buggies requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

**Name of User:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing I acknowledge that:

- I have read the Consett & District Golf Club - Buggy Policy Procedures and **Course Risk Profile & Directions whilst operating a Ride-on Buggy**
- I understand the terms and conditions of the Consett & District Golf Club Buggy Policy Procedures.
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy
- I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a ride on buggy
- I will ensure that the buggy will be maintained and operated in accordance with the Consett & District Golf Club Buggy Policy Procedures.
- I have submitted a copy of my valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties. **(Privately owned Buggies only)**
- I agree to indemnify Consett & District Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands made against the Club arising out of or in connection with the use of the golf buggy.

Signature of User:

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Signature of Club Official:  
(on behalf of Consett & District Golf Club)

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Name of Club Official:

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Date:

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**Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. Consett & District Golf Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property arising from the negligent use of a ride on buggy.**

**All completed – Acknowledgement, Insurance & Medical documents (if applicable) must be submitted to the Club Secretary at Consett & District Golf Club.**