



## Motorised Carts Policy (updated 30/07/2014)

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### Definitions

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**Motorised Transportation:** any motorised vehicle capable of carrying a player unsupported.

**General Practitioner (GP):** is a medical practitioner who treats acute and chronic illnesses and provides preventive care and health education to patients.

### Scope

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This policy applies to all competition rounds (stipulated round) played at the Serpentine & Districts Golf Course with the exception of the Foundation Day and Summer Ambrose events.

### Policy

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Players are not permitted to ride in or on any form of motorised transport during normal competition. An exception may be made in the case of a player affected by a physical disability.

To obtain temporary or permanent authorisation to use motorised transportation a player will be required to complete the Motorised Transportation Application Form and return it to the Management Committee along with; A letter from a Medical Practitioner specifying:

1. The medical practitioner's opinion that the disability necessitates the player requiring the use of motorised transport in order to participate in the competition.
2. Whether the disability is of a permanent or temporary nature (in the case of a temporary condition - the length of time the disability will affect the player's ability to compete without motorised transport).

Certificates or letters confirming the physical disability of a competitor must be submitted to the Secretary of the Serpentine & Districts Golf Club.

Additionally, the vehicle proposed for use must also be approved by the Management Committee.

The approval of such requests will be at the sole discretion of the Serpentine & Districts Golf Club Management Committee. An authorisation letter will be issued to the player which must be kept by the player for the duration of their use of a Golf Cart.

The Captain of the day has the discretion to temporarily authorize the use of motorised transport for players who have suffered an injury and have as yet been unable to attend a medical practitioner.

A player's caddie may use motorized transport during a stipulated round.

In an endeavor to keep play moving, a Golf Cart may be used to transport players in the group back to the tee (or to where the ball was last played) in order to replay a lost or out-of-bounds ball.

The Serpentine & Districts Golf Club accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport.

### Penalties (for unauthorised use of motorised transport)

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1. For first breach: Stroke Play – Two Strokes, Match Play – Loss of Hole
2. For any subsequent breach: Stroke Play – Disqualification, Match Play – Loss of Match

### Restrictions

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1. The Grounds Committee may restrict the use of motorised transport if it considers that it is likely to cause abnormal damage to the course.
2. Pursuant to point 1 above, as from 16/01/2013, the General Committee has decided that NEW applications for the use of Motorbikes will not be accepted.
3. Motorised vehicles must have a minimum of three wheels. Motorbikes with outriggers are NOT acceptable.
4. Golf Carts and Ride on Vehicles MUST NOT be driven through Hazards, Bush, Greens or Tee Boxes, and should avoid the rough wherever possible.

*Note: A Player may use their discretion in traversing the rough in order to retrieve or play a ball from an adjacent fairway. The player should select a route which will have the least impact.*