

McCracken Golf Club Inc

CART POLICY

McCracken Golf Club (the “Club”) is determined to establish a standard for the safe operation of all golf carts operated at the Club.

PURPOSE

The main objective of the Club’s Cart Policy is to maintain responsible behaviour and ensure safe operating procedures are always followed in relation to golf cart use. Our policy informs everyone who uses golf carts at the Golf Course of their responsibilities and the standards of behaviour expected of them.

SCOPE

This policy applies to everyone eligible to operate a motorised golf cart and applies to the operation of any cart on McCracken Golf Course property, including personally owned or hire carts.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Club Responsibilities

The Club will:

- adopt, implement, and comply with this policy.
- publish, distribute, and promote this policy and consequences of any breaches of this policy.
- always promote and model appropriate standards of behaviour.
- deal with any complaints made under this policy in an appropriate manner.
- deal with any breaches of this policy in an appropriate manner.
- recognise and enforce any penalty imposed under this policy.
- ensure that a copy of this policy is available or accessible to all people and organisations to whom this policy applies.
- review this policy every 12 months. The Club holds the right to make changes whenever appropriate.

Individuals Responsibilities

Everyone associated with golf cart use 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 and other adopted guidelines.
- be responsible and accountable for their behaviour.
- comply with any decisions and/or disciplinary measures imposed under this policy.

CHANGE MECHANISM

Match Committee resolution (2/3 majority).

REFERENCE

None.

REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Date	Description of Change	Requested By
00	02APR24	New Policy	Match Committee

PROCEDURES

Qualifications

- a) All privately owned carts must be registered with the McCracken Resort and the prescribed annual Cart Levy paid.
- b) Persons aged 16 years and over that hold a current Australian Driver Licence may operate a golf cart on the McCracken Resort property.
- c) Any person who operates a cart 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.
- d) Golf carts must be operated in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Operating Procedures as prescribed for the cart in use.

Cart Safety

- a) It is the responsibility of the user of a privately own cart to ensure that the cart is free from any defect that may hinder the safety of the vehicle.
- b) Drivers must not move off/accelerate until the occupants are seated.
- c) Occupant's hands, feet, and head must be always kept inside the golf cart while the vehicle is in motion.
- d) Drivers must check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
- e) Drivers must set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle.

- f) Drivers must always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and foot traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect their ability to operate the vehicle safely.
- g) Common sense should prevail, and carts should always be driven at a safe speed.
- h) Drivers must avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
- i) Golf carts should not be driven ahead of the play except to assist in finding balls.
- j) The use of golf carts may be temporarily restricted if deemed that they may damage the course or if conditions are dangerous e.g. wet slippery conditions.

General Use

Any person who operates 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.

- a) Carts must keep to established paths whenever possible.
- b) 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.
- c) Do not drive over mounds that are within 10m of greens.
- d) Carts are NOT permitted inside any roped off areas.
- e) When approaching a green, carts must be parked to the side leading to the next tee, never park in front of greens. This will greatly assist the Pace of Play.
- f) Near tees, carts must remain on the pathway and shall not be driven on tee surrounds.
- g) 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.
- a) Carts should not be driven near the edge of dams or fairway bunkers.

Special Dispensation

Members with mobility disabilities may request an exemption from certain restrictions imposed by the Club in relation to operation of carts on the golf course by applying for a Special Access Permit.

1) Guidelines for Issuing Permit

A Special Access Permit can be issued to any golfing member of the McCracken Resort who demonstrates a mobility situation that needs consideration for limited access to Golf Course amenities. (i.e. Tee Blocks and Greens)

2) Criteria for Permit

In assessing the Criteria, the Match Committee should consider the

- Mobility of the applicant.
- Geographical location of the golf course.
- Safety of the applicant's access.
- Safety of accompanying players.

3) Documentation

For a Special Access permit to be issued an applicant will need to demonstrate a mobility situation that limits the ability for the applicant access areas of the golf course by foot

They will be required to:

- Complete an application using the approved form (See Appendix 1)
- Provide credible assurance by providing credible assurance that an exemption from certain restrictions on the use of golf carts on the golf course is required because of their disability/medical condition.

The Club will consider adequate credible assurance as being either:

- (1) a copy of a valid, state-issued disability parking placard or card or other state-issued proof of disability,
- (2) a valid Medical Certificate
- (3) a Statutory Declaration from the member, that the special exemption is required because of the member's disability/medical condition.

The Club respects the privacy of its members and will not ask about the nature or extent of the disability/medical condition.

4) Procedure for Issuing of Permit

- (1) The Match Committee will consider each applicant on its merit.
- (2) An approval letter will be sent to the applicant with any restrictions that apply. It should be considered that a general approval will be sufficient but there may be areas of the golf course that are excluded.
- (3) Approved applicants will be issued with a "Special Access" Permit which must be displayed on the windscreen of his or her golf cart so that other players and golf course marshals will be aware that the member is exempt from certain restrictions otherwise applicable to the operation of the golf cart on the golf course. (See Appendix 2.)

- (4) Successful applications will be recorded by the Match Committee and kept on a dedicated file managed by the Secretary. This file will need to be accessible by the Match Committee.

Responding to Complaints

McCracken Golf Club takes all complaints about golf cart use seriously. All complaints will be handled in accordance with the Club's Complaint Handling Procedures (Policy 005).

Note: All members and users are reminded that use of a cart on the McCracken Golf Course is a privilege and not a right.



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ACCESS CART PERMIT

Applicant's Name

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I, the abovenamed, hereby make application for a Special Access Cart Permit on the grounds that I have a medical condition/disability that limits my ability to access areas of the golf course by foot.

Supporting Documentation

I attach the following documentation in support of this application:

- ☐ Copy of a valid, state-issued disability parking placard or card or other state-issued proof of disability.
- ☐ Medical Certificate
- ☐ Statutory Declaration

(Please Tick) Applicants must provide one or more of the above documents to support their application.

Additional Comments

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Signed:

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Date:

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OFFICE USE ONLY		Permit No.	Date of Issue
Approved	Declined		

SPECIAL ACCESS CART PERMIT



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