



Risk Assessment for Buggy Users at Pontypool Golf Club

The following Risk Assessment applies to all persons using ride on buggies on the course, i.e. Members of the Golf Club, Visitors to the Club and also all Staff members.

Pontypool Golf Club recognises that a public right of way walk passes alongside the course and, to that end, have erected signage warning users of this right of way that they are passing the course which they should not stray onto.

Risks have been categorised as follows – Low, Medium or High

There is a reasonable assumption that all persons using buggies on the course are potentially at risk in respect of all risks identified. The following generic risks apply to the whole course:

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet Conditions.

If the Green staff considers that the use of motorised buggies on wet ground is likely to endanger drivers, passengers, and other players then he will inform the staff in the Professional's shop that motorised buggies must not be rented out to members and visitors until further notice is given, also the same applies to members with own Buggies.

The Green staff will also post notices in the Clubhouse and outside the Professional's shop which will inform any golfer intending to use a motorised buggy that use on the particular day is forbidden.

If the Green staff are absent from work then his responsibilities in this respect will pass to the Professional.

RISK=High from buggies skidding uncontrollably or overturning, causing injury to drivers, passengers, and walking players.

SOLUTION= Banning the use until conditions are suitable.



Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
1. Injury when driving/riding buggies in and under trees, or adjacent to bushes and hedges	Medium	Users are advised not to undertake such activity	
2. Slope awareness – danger of slipping and rolling over.	High	All users are advised not to attempt to climb/descend/ride across slopes around greens and bunkers	
3. Riding/using buggies in reduced light, fog or mist	High	Users advised to take extra care and be vigilant for pedestrians.	
4. Snow/ice/frost/wet conditions – danger of skids etc	High	Notices placed advising of need for extra care. Advice to use spiked golf shoes	
5. Awareness of pedestrians, both golfers and those using the public footpaths	High	User are advised that there are pedestrians on the course and public paths in areas of 14th, 15th and 18th holes, and practice areas	

Collecting/Returning to Clubhouse/Buggy Enclosure

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Pedestrians on patio and clubhouse approaches	High	Drive at reduced speed and with extreme caution	
Vehicles traversing car park	High	Drive at reduced speed and with extreme caution	

Hole 1

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Bridges crossing over stream.	High	Users advised to take care while crossing bridge, also to reduce speed.	Sign to be placed.
Overhanging trees left hand side of fairway	Medium	Users are advised to stay clear of all trees.	
Ditch/stream parallel to left extremity of hole. (100yd to 15yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 2

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep descent with sharp bend on pathway from tee to narrow bridge crossing over stream	High	Users advised to use pathway at reduced speed on descent and take care while crossing bridge.	Sign to be placed.
Steep ascent to green	High	Users advised to use pathway provided on ascent and to park below green.	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 3

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep descent on pathway from tee to narrow bridge crossing over stream	High	Users advised to use pathway at reduced speed on descent and take care while crossing bridge.	
Steep ascent from bridge	Medium	Users advised to use pathway provided to top of ascent	

Hole 4

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Shallow ditch at end of buggy path	Medium	Users advised to use small bridge at end of pathway	
Ditch/stream parallel to left extremity of hole. (250yd to 160yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Ditch/stream Parallel to right extremity of hole (120yd to 20yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Golfers teeing off from 5 th tee.	High	Check for golfers on 5 th Tee	Warning Notice

Hole 5

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Ditch/stream Parallel to right extremity of hole (300yd to 200yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Ditch/stream Parallel to right extremity of hole (150yd to 100yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 6

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Deep ditch/stream at right-angle to left of hole, adjacent to bunker (200yd)	High	Users advised not to approach within 5m	
Shallow drainage ditch to right rear of 6 th green	Medium	Users advised not to approach within 1m	

Hole 7

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Traversing 6 th Green to 7 th Tee – at end of pathway - Golfers Driving off 5 th /7 th Tee	High	Check for golfers on 5 th Tee & 7 th Tee	
Ditch between White & Yellow Tees	High	Use bridge with care	
Traversing ridge (100yd)	Medium	Follow buggy route signs to left & right of ridge. Be aware of golfers driving off 8 th tee	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 8

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep descent. Risk of skidding	High	Users advised to use reduced speed on descent	
Banking to left/rear of green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 9

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep ascent to green	High	Users are advised to use path to right/rear of green	

Hole 10

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep right to left slope along length of hole	High	Users are advised to use path and then either extreme right or left of hole to reduce lateral angle of travel	
Steep hollow (150yd to 90yd)	High	Users advised to use reduced speed on descent	

Hole 11

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep path to left of 11 th green	Medium	Use path with care	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 12

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steep path from 11 th green to 12 th Tee	Medium	Use path with care	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Hole 13

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Long decline from tee to green with heavily corrugated surface and two ridges	Medium	Users advised to use reduced speed and and left/right extremities of hole.	

Hole 14

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Pedestrians using footpath to left side of hole	Medium	Drive with care	
Steep ridge across hole (150yd)	Medium	Avoid centre of ridge Use right/left extremities of ridge with care	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

HOLE 15

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Ditch/stream parallel full left extremity of hole.	High	Users are advised to to keep 2m clear	
Small drainage ditches in front of ladies tee and to right of hole	Medium	Users are advised to to keep 2m clear	
Pedestrians using footpath to left side of hole	Medium	Drive with care	

Hole 16

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Golfers teeing off on 13 th tee whilst traversing 13 th hole from 15 th green to 16 th Tee	High	Check for golfers teeing off on 13 th Tee	
Long decline from tee to green with heavily corrugated surface and one ridge	Medium	Users advised to use reduced speed and left/right extremities of hole.	
Possibility of grounding buggy on ridge	Medium	Users advised to use reduced speed and left/right extremities of hole.	

Hole 17

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Traffic from right when approaching 18 th Tee	Medium	Approach with caution	

Hole 18

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Traffic on path from left or right at cross junction	High	Approach with caution	
Bridges crossing over stream.	High	Users advised to take care while crossing bridge, also to reduce speed.	
Banking around the green	High	Users are advised not to take buggies on slopes around green	

Ride On Powered Golf Cart - User Agreement

The measures listed below have been developed by Pontypool Golf Club for the protection of members and visitors using our course and club-house for the use of powered golf carts.

Members who wish to use powered golf carts on this course must agree to comply with these rules before they are permitted to use powered golf carts. The agreement made between the club and member regarding the use of a powered golf cart will be in force for one calendar year and must be renewed after this period.

1. Only authorised persons are allowed to use ride on powered golf carts. *This means that only those members or visitors that have been trained by a representative of the club and signed this agreement may drive a powered golf cart on the course.*

2. Pedestrians must always be given priority. *Pedestrians whether on the course, car park or other public area must always be given right of way and drivers of powered golf carts should stop the vehicle to allow this.*

3. On no account should powered golf carts be parked or driven on tee areas or by the side of a green, they should be restricted to the fringes of the course. *Unless there are identified pathways or roads powered golf carts should keep to either side of the fairway. Keep them away from tees and greens.*

4. Where there are made up paths and roads they should be used by powered golf carts. *Do not drive on the grass.*

5. All signs applying to the use of powered golf carts must be complied with. *Without exception every sign on the course must be complied with by the drivers of ride on powered golf carts.*

6. Powered golf carts must always be parked or positioned so that they do not cause obstruction or interfere with other course users or vehicles. *Drivers of powered golf carts should be aware of other course users and, when leaving the vehicle, ensure that the vehicle is not causing an obstruction. The driver should also consider the need of emergency access to the course and should not park the vehicle so as to restrict access e.g. in front of a gate etc.*

7. Drivers of powered golf carts will be held responsible for the security of the vehicle whilst out on the course. *In simple terms the driver should ensure that whenever they leave the vehicle it is secure.*

8. Powered golf carts will only be allowed to operate between dawn and dusk and it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that driving outside these restrictions does not occur. *Drivers are required to return vehicles prior to dusk and should not take a vehicle out onto the course before dawn or after dusk.*

9. Powered golf carts should never be operated by drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or suffering from the effects of prescribed medication. *Drivers should inform the course representative of any medication that they are taking prior to requesting a powered golf Cart*