



Winter Buggy Use Policy – The Bristol Golf Club

Version: Winter 2025/26

Applies to: Members with disabilities or valid medical need requiring the use of a golf buggy during restricted winter conditions.

1. Purpose of This Policy

This Winter Buggy Use Policy outlines how The Bristol Golf Club supports safe and reasonable buggy access for disabled golfers or those with valid medical confirmation of disability during winter. While adverse winter weather often requires the restriction of buggies to protect the course and ensure member safety, the Club recognises its legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments.

This policy combines the Club's year-round Buggy Usage Policy with specific winter access instructions and designated buggy routes.

2. Definitions

- Disabled / Disability – As defined under the Equality Act 2010.
- Valid medical confirmation of disability or medical need – A current certificate from a registered GP or medical consultant, shown to the Pro Shop prior to buggy use.
- Golf buggy – Any Club-owned or privately owned vehicle used for transport of golfers around the course.

3. General Buggy Usage Rules

- Use buggies only during course opening hours.
- Follow the Club's buggy hire agreement and sign the disclaimer.
- Operate buggies safely and responsibly at all times.
- Stick strictly to designated buggy paths and the winter buggy route where applicable.
- Follow signage, marshal instruction and GPS restrictions where applicable.

4. Winter Course Status & Buggy Availability

Following the Course Manager's daily inspection, the course may be declared fully open, open with no buggies, open with carry-only, partial opening, or fully closed.

Except during a full course closure, disabled members with valid medical confirmation may access the Eight-Hole Winter Buggy Route.

5. Winter Buggy Route (Eight-Hole Route)

The Winter Buggy Route includes the following holes, starting at the 13th hole:

13 → 14 → 15 → 16 → 17 → 18 → 1 → 2

6. Additional Winter Hole-Specific Rules

15th Hole – Left-hand side only.

Access to 15th green via 16th path; walk from buggy.

17th Hole – Keep to rough on right-hand side; avoid fairway.

Safe crossing only in front of 17th green via long-grass crossing area.

7. Safe Use of Hire Buggies

GPS-restricted; must be collected and returned to Pro Shop. Misuse may result in immobilisation or removal from course.

8. Safe Use of Personal Buggies

Report to Pro Shop, complete disclaimer, hold proof insurance, and ensure buggy is winter-fit.

9. Equality Act 2010 Compliance

The Club ensures reasonable adjustments, balanced with safety and course protection.

10. Contact

Pro Shop: 01454 620 000

Email: info@thebristolgolfclub.co.uk

Winter Buggy Route Map

Please note, golfers using the winter buggy route MUST start their round from the 13th Hole by alternating in with golfers already on the course, and follow the 8 holes in sequence.

Golfers may play the “loop” twice.

Buggies for users under this policy, whether disabled or with other medical needs will be charged **£9 for one loop or £18 for two loops.**

