



City of Yorkton

POLICY TITLE Deer Park Golf Course Cart Policy		ADOPTED BY Administration	POLICY NO. 30.100
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1. Purpose

To establish guidelines for the use of power golf carts and pull carts at the Deer Park Golf Course.

2. Definitions

- a. Immediate Family: father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, father in-law, mother in-law, son in-law, and daughter in-law.
- b. Guest: anyone who wishes to utilize the services provided at or by the golf course.
- c. Contractor: is an entity with which the City of Yorkton has a contractual obligation to.

3. General Guidelines

- a. Guests must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age in order to drive a private power golf cart and must possess a valid driver's license.
- b. Guests must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age in order to rent and operate a contractor's power golf cart.
- c. Guests using a private power cart are required to pay a trail fee. Trail fees must be paid prior to cart access being permitted on the course.
- d. Cart users must obey all posted rules and restrictions regarding permitted cart usage to avoid damage to the course.
- e. No more than two bags and two riders are permitted per cart.
- f. Carts are not permitted past or through identified roped off or staked areas.
- g. Carts must be kept at least thirty (30) feet away from greens, twenty (20) feet away from tees, and at least ten (10) feet away from sand bunkers, when not on cart paths.
- h. Golf carts are not permitted on any tee area or beyond any roped off areas.
- i. Always use golf cart paths where provided.
- j. Use the 90-degree rule and access or cross fairways only at right angles.
- k. Avoid overusing exits from cart paths and use a scatter method to exit cart path.
- l. On Par-3 holes, carts must stay on cart paths where available, except those issued a Handicap Flag.
- m. Golf carts are not to be driven through any hazards.
- n. Avoid soft areas or areas under water, especially after rains.
- o. Drive in the rough whenever possible.

4. Handicap Flags

Power carts will be restricted to cart paths when weather or turf conditions warrant. This ensures that the course can provide the best possible playing conditions for the long term.

- a. Guests who suffer from permanent walking impairments or other conditions that would make it impossible for him or her to enjoy the golf course with restrictions on golf cart use, are asked to identify themselves to the Pro Shop.
- b. Proof of disability, by way of verification from a duly qualified medical practitioner or presentation of a government issued disabled parking placard, may be required at the discretion of the Director of Golf.
- c. Persons given usage of a Handicap Flag may utilize the 90-degree rule during Cart Path Only situations.
- p. Carts with Handicap Flags must be kept at least thirty (30) feet away from greens and tees, and at least ten (10) feet away from sand bunkers, when not on cart paths.

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- q. Spouses and other players are not permitted to use the flag in the absence of the disabled person.
- r. If two (2) players in a group are assigned a Handicap Flag, both players must ride in the same cart.
- d. Abuse of the handicap flag protocol will result in loss of privilege.
- e. The Director of Golf may, at any time, based solely on his judgment of the current course conditions, prohibit the usage of handicap flags.

5. Private Cart Storage

The right to use a privately owned golf cart is a non-transferable and non-assignable personal right provided by the Deer Park Golf Course.

- a. Guests are required to apply for registration of their cart on an annual basis.
- b. Access to the cart compound will only be provided following receipt in full of the:
 - i. Seasonal cart storage fee.
 - ii. Seasonal trail fee.
 - iii. Registration/application form.
- c. A maximum of two names are permitted to be registered to each cart.
 - i. Owners must register annually. (e.g. husband and wife).
 - ii. Only immediate family members, as defined in this policy, are permitted use of a cart stored in the storage compound.
 - iii. Immediate family members having authorization to access the private cart must be listed on the Power Cart Registration form and kept on file with the Pro Shop.
 - iv. All other guests must be processed through the Pro Shop.
- d. Cart owners shall not rent their carts to others.
- e. Cart parking spaces shall be assigned by the Pro Shop to ensure efficient use of the cart compound.
- f. Golf clubs are not to be stored on golf carts while cart is in the cart compound.
- g. The City of Yorkton reserves the right to cancel and issue a refund, on a pro-rated basis, a portion of the cart fee as a result of any infraction of this policy.

6. Private Cart Maintenance Expectations

- a. Carts are to be maintained in proper working condition so as not to negatively impact the enjoyment of the golf course by others.
 - i. Power carts not in working order shall be repaired immediately or otherwise removed from the cart compound until such time as the necessary repairs are completed.
- b. The City of Yorkton is not responsible for loss or damage to private power carts.
 - i. Owners are responsible for insuring their power cart.

7. Cart Rentals

- a. The Pro Shop Contractor is the only entity authorized and licensed to rent carts and derive income from the same.
 - i. Cart owners utilizing the storage compound are not permitted to rent their cart to anyone using the Deer Park Golf Course.
 - ii. Non-compliance will result in loss of cart privileges and removal of cart from compound.
- b. Special circumstances may arise when all Contractor carts have been rented and special arrangements might be made between the Pro Shop and the cart owner to rent their cart.
 - i. Rental will be at the current power cart rental fee, of which 50% shall be shared with the cart owner.

8. Pull Carts

- a. Pull carts must not be taken over aprons, greens, tees, sand bunkers, or areas between the greens and traps surrounding the green.
- b. When play has reached the green, pull carts must be left at least ten (10) feet away from the side of the green.
- c. Pull carts must not be pulled through wet or muddy areas, or over sprinkler heads.

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9. Course Marshall

- a. The Pro Shop staff shall be responsible for marshalling the course and monitoring the daily use of this policy.
- b. Course Marshalls have the authority to control speed of play and enforce all facility policies and procedures.
- c. Marshalls are authorized to control the speed of play by requesting that players maintain pace and may be asked to skip a hole.
- d. The golf course Pro Shop reserves the right to create foursomes for the purpose of speed of play.

10. Consequences

- a. It is the responsibility of every golfer to be familiar and comply with the rules and regulations covering the use and operation of golf carts.
- b. Failure to observe such rules and regulations could result in the denial of golf cart use and/or playing privileges.
- c. Those individuals abusing the privileges provided to them while at the golf course, including those who travel beyond the ropes without permission, shall be subject to the following penalty process:
 - i. First Offence: Verbal warning and place a note in the individual's computer file.
 - ii. Second Offence: Written warning and place a second note in the individual's computer file.
 - iii. Third Offence: Two week suspension of cart privileges.
 - iv. Subsequent offenses shall result in permanent suspension of cart privileges.

11. Responsibility

The Director of Recreation & Community Services is responsible for the ongoing review and update of this policy.