

## MOTORISED CARTS POLICY

### **Purpose:**

The Southport Golf Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring the safety of members, visitors, guests, staff and the public. The privilege of using a motorised cart on the course is at the discretion of the Board and can be refused or revoked at their discretion or that of the Match & Course Committee. The following guidelines provide direction on the use of motorised carts on the course, whether privately owned or owned by The Club.

### **Policy:**

Drivers of motorised golf carts must exercise utmost care and comply with the following conditions:-

1. Drivers must be medically capable and have the appropriate knowledge, training and skill to safely drive a cart.
2. Member drivers between the ages of 15 and 17 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult and must operate the vehicle in a manner required by the road rules. Children under 15 years shall not operate a cart under any circumstances except when under the employment of The Club and supervision of adult staff.
3. Carts must not be driven by persons affected by alcohol, medications or drugs. (as defined by Queensland Traffic Legislation)
4. Visitors who operate club carts must hold a current and valid motor driver's license.
5. Maximum of two person per cart and shall be seated within the cart on the seat when in motion.
6. Unless expressly permitted by the Club, a maximum of two motorised carts per group.
7. Drivers must comply with directional and speed signs, stakes, whoops and ropes marking areas requiring course care.
8. Carts must not be driven through ground under repair (GUR) or unmarked areas of the course which are affected by water. (Water-logged or boggy areas).
9. Carts shall be driven at an appropriate speed for the conditions and at no time shall the cart speed exceed 20kmh.
- 10. 90-degree rule applies at all times whether Extended Access is granted or not.**
11. Carts are to be driven with all four wheels on and remain on the Cart Paths at all times, except as provided under this policy, including when parked adjacent to Teeing areas and Greens except.
12. The shortest route between the first and second ball (if applicable), then to path, shall be taken.
- 13. Unless Extended Access has been approved, Carts shall not be driven beyond the "No Cart" signs situated near the greens and greenside bunkers.**
14. Drivers must ensure the safety of pedestrians, flora and fauna.

15. Drivers must always give way to pedestrians.
16. Drivers must comply with conditions of entry as specified for Honour Board events or alike.  
Eg Carts prohibited for an event unless a Medical Certificate is provided.
17. Drivers must comply with any daily restrictions to the use of motorised carts on the course in adverse weather conditions or otherwise. Eg Carts-On-Path all holes.
18. Members and Visitors who drive carts, must comply with directions from the Golf Operations Manager or Match & Course Committee member that address safety issues where unsafe, erratic or reckless driving is reported or observed. That may include the immediate cessation of operating a cart for the remainder of a round or day.
19. The Board or M&C reserves the right to suspend the privilege of using a motorised cart on The Cub's land, by a member or visitor, either temporarily or permanently, when in breach of this policy or if dangerous or erratic driving endangers others on the course or within their cart.

**EXTENDED ACCESS:**

Members with a valid medical certificate, renewable annually or Members over the age of 85 years with genuine medical reasons, may apply to the Match & Course Committee for Extended Access which allows a cart to be driven beyond the No Cart Signs situated before the greens but shall comply with all other rules and requirements set out above and shall NOT DRIVE the cart within 10 meters of any green or bunker.

**BREACH OF CART POLICY (General):**

Members who breach this Motorised Cart Policy could be subject to a warning but for serious or subsequent breaches, be prohibited from using a motorised cart at The Club for a period or periods as determined by the Board or Match and Course Committee.

Risk Owner: Southport Golf Club Issue Date: February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 Review Date: February 15th, 2028	
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