



AUCKLAND GOLF INCORPORATED

USE OF A MOTORISED GOLF CART POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to enable equal participation in Auckland Golf (AGI) tournaments or qualifying rounds by disabled golfers/caddies.

2. Procedure for Requesting a Motorised Golf Cart in Auckland Golf Tournaments and Qualifying Rounds

AGI will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, any request to use a motorised golf cart in AGI pennants or tournaments or qualifying rounds due to a claimed disability under the Human Rights Act 1993 (the Act). In order for AGI to properly evaluate such requests, it is necessary to submit medical documentation **setting forth the exact nature of the disability and how that disability prevents such player or caddie from walking during a stipulated round.** In addition, players will have to submit information sufficient to enable AGI to determine that providing a motorised golf cart would not give a player an advantage over other players.

3. Request Form

Each player seeking a motorised golf cart for themselves or a caddie due to a disability under the Act must complete a motorised golf cart request form (appendix I) and submit the form to AGI along with the original entry form. AGI will not accept requests directly from caddies.

4. Procedure for Submitting a Request Form

In each instance where an applicant is submitting a request for a motorised golf cart, both the relevant AGI tournament entry application and the motorised golf cart request form (including the required medical documentation as specified on the request form) must be submitted to AGI by the player (not a caddie). This must be done simultaneously with the original entry application in writing and **received by AGI no later than the due date of the tournament/qualifying round entry application or one week prior to the start of the pennants season.** This information should be sent to info@aucklandgolf.nz

5. Motorised Golf Cart Availability

Motorised golf carts may only be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Motorised golf carts may only be available during the actual tournament for those who qualify based on medical assessment, have followed the submission procedure outlined above, and have been approved by AGI.

6. Multiple Use of a Motorised Golf Cart

Applicants seeking to use a motorised golf cart in more than one AGI pennants season/tournament/qualifying round during a given tournament season (a calendar year) must submit each request individually in writing. This should be done together with the tournament/qualifying round entry form, prior to the due date of the relevant tournament/qualifying round entry form. However, they only need to include the required medical information with the first request, provided there has been no change in the relevant medical condition during the intervening time. AGI will evaluate the medical information previously submitted during the same tournament year, as long as it is current as of the relevant submission and was submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined above.

7. Injuries

Requests due to injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a 'disability under the Act' will not be granted. A disability protected by the Act includes:

- Chronic physical disability, impairment or illness
- Psychiatric illness
- Intellectual or psychological disability or impairment
- Any other loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure or function
- Reliance on a guide dog, wheelchair, or other remedial means
- The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness.

- ACUTE INJURIES AND ILLNESS WILL NOT BE GIVE DISPENSATION FOR CARTS

8. Exemption Process

Please allow 3-5 working days for processing. The application will be compiled and checked for compliance by AGI staff. Once the application is confirmed as complete, it will be sent to the relevant match committee for approval. Once approved, players will be sent an exemption letter that **MUST** be shown to host clubs before a cart can be used.



Appendix I

Procedure for Requesting a Motorised Golf Cart in Auckland Golf Pennants, Tournaments and Qualifying Rounds

The following information is to be provided to AGI by a player claiming a disability and seeking permission for themselves and/or a caddie to use a motorised golf cart in AGI pennants, tournaments or qualifying rounds.

1. Name of the tournament/event for which the use of a motorised golf cart is being sought.
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2. Is the motorised golf cart use being sought for a player or a caddie?

Player

Caddie

3. Please explain the nature of your/caddie's disability and why it requires the use of a motorised golf cart.

4. Provide a current medical report from your/caddie's physician who has evaluated the condition. The report should describe the nature and extent of the disability, and explain why walking during the event is beyond the ability of the player/caddie. The report must provide detailed diagnosis, symptoms, and specifically describe how the condition impairs walking in general and during a golf tournament. Attach the report to this completed motorised golf cart request form.

I certify that the information supplied above and in any attachments is true and correct.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please Note: This motorised golf cart request form must be completed in full, including the signing of both areas of the form. A medical report from a physician must also be provided and submitted to AGI simultaneously. All of this must be submitted by the player (not a caddie) in writing and received by AGI no later than the due date and/or time of the tournament entry application. Facsimile, phone, or online submissions (other than e-mail) are not accepted.

Send to info@aucklandgolf.nz



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Authorisation for Release of Medical Information in Support of Request for Use of a Motorised Golf Cart

From time to time, it may be necessary for AGI to confirm with your health care provider the exact nature of your disability under the Human Rights act. This will ONLY be done by communication with you first and AGI will ONLY seek information pertaining directly to the disability that you are request exemption for. No further medical information will be sought.

I authorise AGI and their designated agents and medical professionals participating in the decision to provide a motorised golf cart to contact my health care provider(s) regarding my condition, which I believe constitutes a disability under the Human Rights Act 1993, entitling me to use a motorised golf cart during golf tournament competition.

I authorise my health care provider(s) to communicate with AGI, their designated agents, and medical professionals participating in the decision to provide a motorised golf cart. They may provide clarification or further information as necessary for AGI to determine my request for using a motorised golf cart.

I authorise the release of any documentation, medical records, or other information relating to my condition in connection with my request for using a motorised golf cart.

Player's / Caddie's Signature:

Please circle the appropriate person who requires the motorised golf cart and is signing this authorisation.

Print Name: _____