

## MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION POLICY

As a general policy, players and their caddies are expected to walk at all times at Golf Québec competitions.



### **A player may use an electric pullcart in a competition.**

There are four exceptions to this policy:

1. Competitors with a serious permanent physical disability may request the use of motorized transportation for themselves at any Golf Québec competition by following the approved application procedure.

Both the relevant Golf Québec Championship Entry Application and the Cart Request Form (including the required medical documentation as specified on the Cart Request Form) must be submitted by the player (not a caddie) by email and received by Golf Québec no later than the registration deadline date of the competition. If motorized transportation is approved for a player at a competition that would otherwise prohibit the use of motorized transportation, the conditions described in Part A below must be respected.

2. Motorized transportation is permitted for specific competitions. Competitors will be permitted to use motorized transportation in the following competitions:

- Spring Open Qualifiers
- Senior Championships
- Mid-Amateur Championships
- Players' Championship

The conditions described in Part B below must be respected.

3. The use of motorized transportation may be expanded for competitions where walking is normally required, if the heat/humidity poses a safety risk to competitors. The Tournament Committee reserves the right, in the interest of the safety of the players, to allow the use of a cart for one or more days of a competition where otherwise this would not be permitted. For such permission to be granted, guidelines will be applied:

- The Tournament Committee will base its decision on the temperature/humidex.
- The Tournament Committee must ensure that there are sufficient carts for all players.
- All players, without exception, will be allowed to use a cart.
- The players have priority over caddies for a seat in the cart.

The conditions described in Part B below must be respected.

4. To save time, a Rules Referee may, and indeed should, transport a player proceeding under stroke and distance penalty.

## **Part A – Use of motorized transportation by a person with a serious permanent disability**

When using motorized transportation, the player must not:

- Permit anyone else to drive the cart (other than moving it a very short distance to facilitate play);
- Permit anyone else to ride in the cart (including caddies);
- Drive past any player's ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the hole. A player should keep pace with the other competitors and not have the advantage of arriving at their ball before the other competitors.

## **Part B – Use of motorized transportation for permitted competitions or for weather considerations**

The number of carts is limited to two (2) per group.

When using motorized transportation, the player must not:

- Permit anyone other than a player or caddie to drive the cart (other than moving it a very short distance to facilitate play);
- Permit anyone other than a player or caddie to ride in the cart;
- Drive past any player's ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the hole. A player should keep pace with the other competitors and not have the advantage of arriving at their ball before the other competitors.

## **PENALTIES**

A player in breach of the conditions in either Part A or B is subject to a penalty as follows:

**Match play** - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - Two holes.

**Stroke play** - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes.

**Match or stroke play** - In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Any subsequent breach of this rule may result in disqualification.

## **Additional Motorized Transportation guidance**

- For a junior player (16 years old or younger), an adult must always be driving the cart. During the round, should the occasion arise, the adult driver may be changed but this must occur between the play of two holes.
- The rules for carts established by the host club must be respected.
- To save time, a player may, and indeed should transport another player proceeding under stroke and distance.
- The cost of the cart should be paid prior to the round to be played.