

Motorized Transportation Policy for Competitions

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

There are exceptions to this policy-

1. A competitor with a serious, permanent physical disability may request the use of motorized transportation for himself at any RCGA competition by following the approved application procedure. 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 in place.
2. In senior competitions, competitors will be permitted to use motorized transportation. The conditions described in Part B below must be in place.
3. If it can save time, a Rules official can, 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:

1. Permit anyone else to drive the cart (other than moving it a very short distance to facilitate play);
2. Permit anyone else to ride in the cart;
3. When practical, drive past any player's ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the hole.

A player in breach of this condition is subject to 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.

Part B:

Use of Motorized Transportation

There is a limit of two golf carts per group.

1. If a cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be that player's equipment.
2. When using motorized transportation, the player must not:
 - i) Permit anyone other than a player or caddie to drive the cart (other than moving it a very short distance to facilitate play);
 - ii) Permit anyone other than a player or caddie to ride in the cart;
 - iii) When practical, drive past any player's ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the hole.

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