



Membership Terms and Conditions

York Academy Golf Club is a proprietary members club affiliated to England Golf.

Acceptance of an application by York Academy Golf Club constitutes a contract of membership of the club, between York Academy Golf Club and the applicant subject to these terms and conditions. Club membership is conditional upon the observance of these terms and conditions (and any local terms and conditions in force), which are applicable to club membership.

York Academy Golf Club retains absolute discretion in accepting or rejecting any application for membership without ascribing any reason for so doing.

1. The following categories of membership may be available;
 - Full 7 Day Membership (entitles members to use golf facilities seven days a week)
 - 5 Day Membership (entitles members to use golf facilities on weekdays only)
 - Intermediate Membership (entitles members aged 18-25 years to use of golf facilities seven days a week)
 - Junior Membership (entitles members aged 10-17 years to use of golf facilities seven days a week)
 - Under 10's Junior Membership (entitles members aged under 10 years to use of golf facilities seven days a week)

Full 7 Day Membership

A full member may play golf at all permitted times seven days a week and may book a tee time 14 days in advance either through the masterscoreboard online booking system or directly with the golf shop.

5 Day Membership

A 5 day member may play golf at all permitted times Monday to Friday, including statutory bank holidays and may book a tee time 14 days in advance either through the masterscoreboard online booking system or directly with the golf shop.

Intermediate and Junior Members

An Intermediate, or Junior Member may play golf at all permitted times seven days a week and may book a tee time 14 days in advance either through the masterscoreboard online booking system or directly with the golf shop.

2. York Academy Golf Club reserves the right to introduce, delete or amend categories of membership on an annual basis.
3. The membership will run for 365 days from the date the membership is accepted and payment is made. Fees will be paid annually in advance. The subscription fee is non-refundable and non-transferable (subject to the final decision by the Club Committee. Any changes in the subscription fee will be notified to members on an annual basis with a minimum of 2 weeks notice in writing. Membership may be renewed by payment to the club of the appropriate annual subscription fee in force. York Academy Golf Club, however reserve the right to refuse renewal of membership without ascribing any reason for doing so. Where applicable, subscription fees include VAT at the standard rate.
4. New members will be accepted into the Club on completion of an application form and payment of the subscription fee relevant to their category. York Academy Golf Club will have the final decision in relation to the appointment of all new members. The membership will become active upon payment of the appropriate annual subscription. All new members agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Golf Club.
5. Members of the club will be provided with a membership card, which will remain the property of York Academy Golf Club and must be returned to the club on cessation or suspension of membership. A small charge may be levied should a replacement card be required for any reason. Entry to the golf course may be denied in the absence of these forms of membership identity. Loss of these items should be reported immediately to club reception. All members should keep York Academy Golf Club up to date with any changes in personal details, including address, telephone numbers, email address etc.
6. Members are entitled to use the facilities of the club which are available under the relevant category of membership. York Academy Golf Club reserve the right to withdraw all or part of such facilities on a temporary or permanent basis when such facilities are required to be closed for inclement weather, repair, maintenance, development or alteration works. Members and their guest use all facilities at their own risk.
7. The golf course will be open for play from 7.40am or 10 minutes after sunrise, whichever is the later. The final tee time will be 19:00 weekdays and 17:00 on weekends. The car park will be locked at 20:30 weekdays and 19:30 weekends. The Proprietor may, at their discretion, vary the opening hours of the golf shop, golf range and toilets in response to business patterns.
8. York Academy Golf club reserve the right to delay play on the golf course during the winter due to frost on the golf greens *see appendix 1.
9. The Proprietor may at their discretion close the course for up to 14 consecutive days in any calendar year. The course may be closed for annual maintenance for up to 7 days in September each year.
10. Buggies, electric and pull trolleys are permitted for use but may be banned from time to time in accordance with an assessment of ground conditions and the guidelines set out by the Head Greenkeeper. Electric, push and pull trollies may be allowed during wet/frosty ground conditions with 'hedgehog' winter wheel at the discretion of the head greenkeeper. *see appendix 2 for our buggy policy
11. If you book a tee time outside our reception opening hours (i.e. before 9.30am), then please proceed directly onto the first tee for your pre-booked tee time. When the reception is open all golfers must check in before starting your round. You are advised to arrive ten minutes ahead of

your pre-booked tee time. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate late arrivals, it may not be possible to gain access to the course if times are unavailable.

12. The Rules of the Game of Golf are adapted from time to time by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. York Golf Academy Club will set the Code of Conduct for adherence to by all members and visitors.
13. York Golf Academy Club reserve the right to refuse admission or cancel membership immediately if any members cause, in the opinion of the senior staff member on duty, nuisance or annoyance to other club users or club staff. In the event of cancellation of membership, subscription fees shall not be refunded.
14. Any member who is in material or persistent breach of the Constitution of the Club will be liable to have their rights of membership suspended by York Academy Golf Club for such a time as is deemed appropriate. In the event of a continual breach of competitions rules or inappropriate behaviour during Club Competitions or whilst representing the Club, the Committee may suspend any member for a period of time from these events, subject to prior approval from York Academy Golf Club. Please see our Disciplinary Policy for detailed information, available in the Members area of our website.
15. Guests may be introduced by members of the club, guests must be accompanied by the member at all times, be checked in and pay the appropriate guest green fee. The member will assume responsibility for ensuring that guests abide by club rules and codes of behaviour.
16. Members may sign in up to three guests per day subject to payment of the appropriate green fee prior to the commencement of the round. A member whose guest plays without payment of a green fee on the day shall be reprimanded and the guest shall be barred. Members guest rates shall be set by York Academy Golf Club and are subject to change from time to time.
17. With the exception of guide dogs and hearing dogs for the deaf, pets should not be brought on to the golf course. Dogs are allowed on the patio area, but must be kept on a lead and under close supervision.
18. The club cannot accept liability for members car, the contents of vehicles or other property, which are brought to the club at the members own risk. York Academy Golf Clubs liability for damage or loss of members and guests property is strictly limited to any damage or loss caused as a direct result of negligence of York Academy Golf Club, its staff or agents. Any item of lost property unclaimed for a period greater than 3 months may be disposed of.
19. Any member or guest who suffers an accident on club premises or grounds must report the circumstances and details of the accident to the senior staff on duty immediately. York Academy Golf Club cannot accept any liability for any accident to a member or guest other than liability that may arise by negligence of York Academy Golf Club.
20. York Academy Golf Club shall not be responsible for damage, injury or loss occurring as a result of an act or omission of any member or visitor to York Academy Golf Club. A member or visitor shall indemnify York Academy Golf Club against any such liability. Any member or visitor who makes use of any facility or service at York Academy Golf Club shall do so at their own risk, provided that York Academy Golf Club is not proved negligent in its provision. York Academy Golf Club cannot be held responsible for any loss of play due to inclement weather conditions resulting in course closure.
21. "If a member suffers long-term illness or injury, which prevents them from playing golf for a period exceeding 3 months in any year of membership then upon the members application to suspend their membership and production of a Doctor's letter stating that the member is/was unfit to play golf, a suspension of the membership can be made once approved by the general manager. The member's application to suspend their membership must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable following the onset of the injury or illness that has rendered the member unfit to play golf.

If a member is made redundant then he or she can apply to suspend their membership for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months subject to the following conditions:

- They provide a letter from their previous employer confirming their redundancy, and
- They have been a member for at least 3 months

The suspension of membership will be at the discretion of the Club's General Manager, whose decision will be final. Any approved suspension period will be added to the end of each membership year. No subscription paid will be refunded."

Appendix

1. Frost Policy

Damage from playing on golf greens with frost or frozen soil

- Play is often delayed on courses during the winter due to frost on golf greens. The reason the club should not allow play on greens that are covered with frost is that the turf will be damaged from walking on the frost. The ice crystals in the frost can puncture the leaves from foot pressure. The damage will appear as footprints later in the day and will be present until the turfgrass grows out of the damage. The damage may be evident for several months and result in weaker turf in the spring in the area around where the hole was on the day frost was present.
- Deciding when to allow play on greens with frozen soil is more difficult to determine. The greatest damage occurs to the turf when the top layer of soil thaws while a frozen layer remains deeper in the soil. The thawed layer will be saturated with water and becomes spongy. Walking on turf with this condition will cause foot printing and can cause the surface of the green to become uneven. Severe turf damage can result from shearing off the roots as the turf moves above the frozen layer. This damage in areas around where the hole is located on these days will appear as weaker turf later in the year.
- It is difficult to explain to golfers that they should not play on greens that are thawing during a warm and sunny day following very cold weather. Golfers are eager to return to the course on the nice days following long periods of cold weather. All greens usually do not thaw at the same time. Shaded greens are the last to thaw and more damage often occurs on these greens because it is difficult to keep golfers off the course any longer.

Our policy is that we will assess it each hour and until the frost has cleared from the greens and we have been able to swish off the subsequent thaw.

2. Buggy Policy

Buggy Policy – Procedures

1. Introduction
2. This document defines the requirements and responsibilities of York Academy Golf Club and members/visitors regarding the use of ride on Buggies. The purpose of this document is to establish a standard for the safe operation of all Club and Privately owned ride on buggies operated on the course at Bangor Golf Club. The document also sets down the criteria to be applied and conditions to be met when the Club considers applications for their use, including with due regard to the Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 and the Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs, etc) Regulations (NI) 2008.
3. 2. Ownership
4. The Secretary Manager is responsible for the review, up-date and amendment of this Buggy Policy. The Secretary Manager must then ensure that the documentation is amended and issued to all appropriate people including those members who have privately owned ride on buggies.
5. 3 Qualifications
6. During normal conditions the use of Club and privately owned ride on buggies will be permitted during the summer period (usually April to September) for casual and competition golf. During the winter period (usually October until March) only those members and visitors who have a disability (within the meaning of the above listed Disability Discrimination Legislation) which renders them unable to play golf without the use of a ride on buggy, will be authorised to use a buggy on the course. To register see Medical form. This should be completed and returned to the Secretary Manager or Hon Secretary in confidence. The Medical form is available from the Office.
7. Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a ride on buggy on the golf course is deemed by so doing to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. At certain times the Course Manager may determine that the general condition of the Course or the weather is such that safety on or the condition of the Course may be unacceptability compromised if a ride on buggy is used. This might apply to the whole or just part of the Course. Potentially unsuitable conditions include water logging, frost, snow etc, The Club recognises that some golfers may be unable to play therefore players who are registered as per the above legislation will be allowed to use their ride on buggy but may be required to use a specific route and or find that a shortened course is in operation. Where such conditions arise, the Club will review the situation on at least a daily basis.
8. Information on Course & buggy usage will be available at the Club shop/First Tee. The Club will endeavour to ensure that restrictions placed on buggy users will be kept to a minimum.
9. The detailed procedures for use of Club and Private ride-on Buggies are listed below. These Policy Procedures are supported by a Golf Buggy Safety Policy, and Safe Working Practice Guide, plus a Course Risk Profile guide (which includes a Hole by Hole assessment).
10. CLUB BUGGIES
11. At the moment only a single seater buggy for use by members/visitors is available. The Club Shop will be responsible for the day to day running of the Club buggy hire scheme and the following procedures must be observed:
12. - Club Buggies can be pre-booked by members and visitors at a maximum of one week in advance.
13. Priority should be given to disabled golfers.

14. - At the start of each day the Club Shop will arrange for all Club buggies to be parked outside the shop, ready for hire.
15. PRIVATELY OWNED BUGGIES
16. - Privately owned buggies may not be hired for use on the course. All members with privately owned buggies must be in receipt of the Club's Course Risk Profile for Ride on Buggy Users and Buggy Policy Procedures.
17. - Members and Visitors must provide proof of having appropriate comprehensive insurance. Copies of the Member's insurance policy must be submitted annually to the Club Office.
18. GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY
19. The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and prudence must be shown by the user of a ride on buggy. It is also necessary for the Club to provide adequately safe means of access for all golfers including those given permission to use buggies. The Club must ensure the safety of golfers who do not wish to use ride on buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride on buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the various rights of way.
20. To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users (members and visitors) shall comply with the following conditions:
21. - Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way always.
22. - Ride on buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on laneways or paved areas.
23. - Ride on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is hired or on the property owned by the Club.
24. - Ride on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
25. - Ride on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common rules of the road` regardless of whether they are operated on paved areas or laneways.
26. - Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
27. - The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs is not permitted when using the ride-on buggy.
28. - Drive slowly downhill and set brake when stopped.
29. - No person under the age of 16 to operate a buggy.
30. - Club buggies must be driven within the boundaries of York Academy Golf Club.
31. - York Academy Golf Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride on buggies beyond the confines of the course and the club car-parks other than those operated by their servants or agents.
32. - The Honorary Secretary has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride on buggy.
33. - Always drive buggy from tee to green. Do not drive in opposite direction as hazards can be hidden from view.
34. GOLF BUGGY SAFE WORKING PRACTICE GUIDE York Academy Golf Club has carried out a Course Risk Profile for Ride on Buggy Users to ensure safe use of ride on buggies on the Golf Course. Before using a ride on buggy on the golf course, members and visitors must make themselves aware of the Buggy Policy Procedures and the Course Risk Profile for Ride on Buggy Users these documents are available from the Club Office and the shop.
35. Before use
36. - All operators of ride on buggies must sign a Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form before they are allowed to drive the buggy.

37. - A ride on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
38. During use
39. - Do not move off until the occupants are seated
40. - Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion
41. - Hands, feet and head must be kept inside the buggy while the vehicle is in motion
42. - Ride on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas
43. - The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g., when looking for golf balls
44. - The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or the slopes leading up to them - Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing
45. - Set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle
46. - Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely. - Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow - To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes - Slow down before corners. - All turns must be executed at reduced speeds - Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control - Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy After use When the vehicle is left unattended, switch off ignition, remove the key and engage the parking brake.
47. RIDE-ON BUGGY - COURSE TRAFFIC/ROUTE GUIDELINES
48. Course Topography Considerations and Restrictions Due to the layout of Bangor Golf Club consideration has and will continue to be given to the potentially hazardous nature of parts of the Golf Course. Ride-on buggies are not permitted on any tees, greens, bunkers or slopes leading up to them. They must not be used within 2 metres of any water hazard (pond, ditch or drain) or bunker. During the Winter period ride-on buggies must only be driven on the cut rough. The Course Risk Profile assessment document will assist Ride-on buggy users to understand the golf course layout and advise of the areas where they need to be careful or avoid completely.
49. The Ride-on Buggy Safety Policy and Safe Working Practice documents should both be read in conjunction with the following Course Hole by Hole Risk Assessment Profile listed below.
50. RIDE-ON BUGGY COURSE RISK PROFILE FOR EACH HOLE
51. 1 st - Low Risk.
52. 2 nd - Medium Risk - Fairway slopes upwards towards green. Drive buggy to left of green In Winter approach to green can become very wet and impossible for vehicular access without damaging turf.
53. 3 rd - Medium Risk - Ditch to left of fairway through hedge, In winter ground becomes very wet, extra care required.
54. 4th - Low Risk - In winter ground becomes very wet, extra care required.
55. 5 th - Low Risk
56. 6 th - Medium Risk- Pond to right of fairway, ground conditions can become very wet on left side of fairway into rough
57. 7 th - Medium Risk - Ditch across fairway, please use left side land bridge and not the pedestrian crossing by the tree. Pond on right side of Fairway. Gradual slope leaving Tee area, take care leaving tee area to fairway.
58. 8 th - Medium Risk - Ditch across fairway, stay well clear of ditch as steep decline into deep ditch. Use bridge if buggy is not too wide, alternatively drive in front of 9th tee giving priority to any golfers teeing from the 9th tee.
59. 9 th - Medium Risk - Ditch crossing in front of tee box, Leave buggy to the left of the tee box. Steep slope on bunker and to back of green should be avoided by all buggies.
60. All Buggy Users must complete this form prior to operating a ride on golf buggy

61. Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a ride on buggy at York Academy Golf Club is deemed, by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate the vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and consequences thereof. Members & Visitors who use the Club or Private Buggies are only required to complete an acknowledgement form once. The safe operation of ride on buggies requires conscientious application and adherence to the minimum standard of care prescribed by this policy.

62. Name of User:
Address/Club:

63. By signing I acknowledge that: - I have read the York Academy Golf Club - Buggy Policy Procedures and Course Risk Profile for Ride on Buggy Users - I understand the terms and conditions of the York Academy Golf Club Buggy Policy Procedures. - I have been given the opportunity to ask questions related to this Policy - I am aware of the areas where I am unable to take a ride on buggy - I will ensure that the buggy will be maintained and operated in accordance with the York Academy Golf Club Buggy Policy Procedures. - I have submitted a copy of my valid insurance policy to cover liability for risks to third parties. (Privately owned Buggies only) - I agree to indemnify York Academy Golf Club against all claims, costs and demands made against the Club arising out of or in connection with the use of the golf buggy.

64. Signature of User:..... Date:..... Signature of Club Official:..... Date:.....

65. Users of golf buggies do so at their own risk. York Academy Golf Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride on buggy by their servants or agents All completed – Acknowledgement, Insurance & Medical documents (if applicable) must be submitted to the Office at York Academy Golf Club.

66. GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM GOLF BUGGY SAFETY POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

67. DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS - CONFIDENTIAL

68. To comply with Disability Legislation York Academy Golf Club operates a policy to enable disabled golfers to use a ride-on buggy when, due to adverse conditions, ride-on buggies would not normally be allowed on the course. If any Member requires the use of a ride-on buggy to play golf during these periods, please ask your doctor to complete the details below. Once completed the form should be returned in confidence to the Secretary Manager at York Academy Golf Club. The Club also reserves the right to withdraw authorisation if the medical condition or disability necessitating the use of a ride on buggy ceases, or, the conditions for its use are not fully complied with.

69. I, Dr Of

70. Certify that I have examined Of and am of the opinion that he/she has a disability within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 and the Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs, etc) Regulations (NI) 2008, and is unable to play golf without the use of a ride-on buggy.