



Royal Belgian Golf Federation

RBGF TRANSPORTATION POLICY 2021

1. The RBGF Condition of Competition for Transportation requires that players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round, unless authorized by the Championship Committee of any RBGF competition

[for example: when a specific situation arises, in order to save time, a Rules Official may allow a player to ride with him, or with another person, in a golf cart, not for actual play of the stipulated round, but to and from the place where a previous stroke was made (e.g. lost ball), to go to a spot where a ruling occurred, to seek shelter in case of thunderstorm, etc. The player may not drive the golf cart himself.]

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION 1:

The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which there is a breach of this condition. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Note: the Championship Committee will authorise players presenting a “RBGF Medical Committee Exemption for the use of transportation”

The following policy will be applied to any player requesting use of a golf cart in any RBGF Championship or Match:

2.a Requests

- 2.a.i Requests will only be granted to players who have a disability or a long-term degenerative medical condition.
- 2.a.ii For the purposes of this policy, a player will be considered to have a disability if they have a physical impairment, and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- 2.a.iii Requests will not be granted to players who are in a recovery process from an injury or illness.
- 2.a.iv Requests should be made by completing the Transportation Request Form and submitted to The RBGF Medical Committee in a closed envelop marked with “ Medical information”. The information will be treated by the law of confidentiality. The request must be submitted to the RBGF Medical Committee at least 28 days in advance of the first Championship or Match the player wants to take part.

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2.b The Golf Cart

- 2.b.i The golf cart is only to be used by the player. No caddie, other competitor or other person is permitted to ride on or use the golf cart for any purpose.
- 2.b.ii The golf cart is to be used for transportation of the player and his clubs and is not to be used for any other equipment or other items beyond those which are customarily carried by a player walking in the competition. If the player employs a caddie, the player's golf clubs must not be transported on the golf cart (i.e. they must be carried by the caddie who must walk the course).
- 2.b.iii The golf cart will be driven on such areas of the golf course as directed by the Championship Committee in charge of the competition. This may be dependent on the weather conditions and health and safety considerations, which at times may require the golf cart to be restricted to cart paths or to specific areas of the course.
- 2.b.iv The golf cart must not have any top, windshield or other features that would provide protection from the elements. Except during the Interclubs or at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- 2.b.v It is the player's responsibility to timely arrange with the hosting club that a **conforming** golf cart (**see 2.b.iv**) will be at his disposal. If the hosting club cannot provide such a golf cart, the player may provide his own transportation, provided the transportation meets with the stipulation that it is open to the elements. The golf cart **must** be driven at a customary walking pace and **must not** be used to go forward to the player's ball or to the next teeing ground sooner than would be possible if the player was walking.
- 2.b.vi The golf cart is deemed to be part of the player's equipment and all Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition regarding the player's equipment apply.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION 2b:

The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which there is a breach of this condition. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

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