
NEW ZEALAND GOLF INCORPORATED

USE OF A MOTORISED GOLF CART POLICY



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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to enable equal participation in New Zealand Golf's tournaments or qualifying rounds by disabled golfers/caddies.

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

New Zealand Golf will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, any request to use a motorised golf cart in New Zealand Golf tournaments or qualifying rounds due to a claimed disability under the Human Rights Act 1993 ('the Act'). In order for New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf to determine that providing a motorised golf cart would not provide a player with an advantage over other players.

3. Request Form

Each player seeking a motorised golf cart for himself/herself 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 New Zealand Golf with the original entry form. New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf by the player (not a caddie) simultaneously and together with the original entry application in writing and received by New Zealand Golf by no later than the date the tournament/qualifying round entry application is due. Such information must be sent to the New Zealand Golf Sport Development Manager, P O Box 33 1678, Takapuna, Auckland 0740. Facsimile, phone or on-line submissions will not be evaluated.

5. Motorised Golf Cart Availability

At certain tournaments and qualifying venues, motorised golf carts may only be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Motorised golf carts may only be available during the tournament proper for those who, under the medical assessment qualify, have followed the above submission procedure and been approved by New Zealand Golf.

6. Multiple Use of a Motorised Golf Cart

Applicants seeking to use a motorised golf cart in more than one New Zealand Golf tournament/ qualifying round during a given tournament season, being a calendar year, must submit each such request individually in writing together with the tournament/qualifying round entry form, prior to the date of the relevant tournament/qualifying round entry form is due, but need only include the required medical information with the first request, provided no change to the relevant medical condition has occurred in the intervening time. New Zealand Golf will evaluate the medical information previously submitted on the person's behalf during the same tournament year, provided it is current as of the relevant submission and was otherwise 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 means –

- (i) Physical disability or impairment
- (ii) Physical illness
- (iii) Psychiatric illness
- (iv) Intellectual or psychological disability or impairment
- (v) Any other loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure or function
- (vi) Reliance on a guide dog, wheelchair, or other remedial means
- (vii) The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness.

Appendix I

**Procedure for Requesting a Motorised Golf Cart
in
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The following information is to be provided to New Zealand Golf by a player claiming a disability and seeking permission for himself/herself and/or caddie to use a motorised golf cart in New Zealand Golf tournaments or qualifying rounds.

1. Name of tournament for which use of a motorised golf cart is sought.

2. Is the motorised golf cart use sought for a player or caddie? Player / Caddie
(Please circle)

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

4. Provide a current medical report from your/your caddie's physician that has evaluated your/your caddie's condition, describing the nature and extent of your/your caddie's disability and explaining why it would be beyond your/your caddie's ability to walk during this event. Such report must explain, in detail, your/your caddie's diagnosis and symptoms, and specifically describe how the condition impairs your/your caddie's ability to walk in general and during a golf tournament. Such report should be attached to and submitted together with this completed motorised golf cart request form.

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

Player's Signature _____

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 must be submitted to New Zealand Golf simultaneously and together with the original relevant New Zealand Golf tournament entry application, all of which must be submitted by the player (not a caddie) in writing, and received by New Zealand Golf by no later than the date and time the tournament entry application is due. Facsimile, phone or on-line submissions are not accepted.

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

I authorise New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf, their designated agents and medical professionals participating in the decision to provide a motorised golf cart to provide such clarification or further information as may be necessary for New Zealand Golf to make a determination regarding my request for use of 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 use of a motorised golf cart.

Player's/Caddie's Signature _____

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

Print Name _____ Date _____