



Yarmouth Golf and Country Club

Cart Path Policy

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Purpose

The Cart Path Policy is established to ensure that the golf course remains in excellent condition for the enjoyment of all members. The policy delineates the responsibilities related to the management of course conditions and the use of the cart paths.

Policy Details

Cart Path Only Period

Carts are required to remain exclusively on cart paths from opening day through June 1, or at the discretion of the General Manager. This period is crucial for new grass growth and establishment, which supports the course's sustainability in various weather conditions.

Permanent Restrictions

Carts must always remain on cart paths on all par 3 holes.

Carts must be fully on the cart path around all tees and return to the cart path at least 30 feet from all par 4 and par 5 greens to prevent damage to the sensitive chipping areas around the greens.

Carts are not permitted beyond any roped off or power cart restricted areas or past any directional signage.

Carts are not permitted on any steep banks.

Carts are not permitted in the tall grass areas of the golf course.

Blue Flag Policy

Yarmouth Links recognizes that some golfers with accessibility issues might benefit from some relaxation of normal cart use rules. Blue flags will be available immediately to allow them to enjoy their round of golf by minimizing physical demands and maintaining an appropriate pace of play.

Blue Flags allow closer access to all greens and exemptions for cart path only on the Par 3s but do not provide unlimited access to the golf course. It is expected that users understand the potential damage created by power carts and the resulting requirement for additional maintenance.

The following rules apply to blue flag use at Yarmouth Links:

- Members requiring blue flags may apply via the manager for Blue flag privileges and will be required to have prove of need, by showing either a vehicle handicap permit or bringing in a letter from their doctor. A logbook is to be made and kept in the pro shop listing members who meet these requirements. Blue flags will be given out and returned before and after each round needed. Proof of need is to be reevaluated at the beginning of each new golf season. The manger will review the policy with each member and have them sign a copy of this policy.
- Public requiring a Blue Flag will obtain it from pro-shop after presentation of personalized vehicle disability permit. Flag to be returned at conclusion of each round. Staff will provide green fee participants with a copy of the rules and have them sign a copy of the Flag Policy agreement.
- Blue flags allow power carts to:
 - Park closer to the greens but remain 10 feet from all fringes and greens.
 - Access to fairways and rough on Par 3s.
- Blue flags do **not** allow power carts to:
 - Go beyond any roped off areas on the course.
 - Drive between greenside bunkers and the putting surface.
 - Park any part of the cart off the path adjacent to any tee box.
 - Drive on any steep banks.
 - Drive in the tall grass areas of the golf course.
 - Drive on any fringe or green.

Blue flags are only granted after June 1st, or if the course has been deemed open to all carts earlier than June 1st (again at the discretion of the general manager). Blue flag users are advised that any or all the rules listed may be modified when required by weather or site conditions. If the course is cart path only due to inclement weather this will include blue flagged carts. The Pro Shop will advise players accordingly. Blue flag access is granted to the physically limited individual only and does not extend to anyone who may be riding with said person

The use of a blue flag is a privilege not a right and respect for the golf course is always expected. Failure to adhere to above rules may result in revocation of blue flag privileges.

Roles and Responsibilities

General Manager

Holds primary responsibility for monitoring course conditions, making decisions regarding use of the cart paths, and enforcing the cart path policy.

Grounds Superintendent

Provides recommendations and insights on course conditions to assist the General Manager.

Enforcement and Penalties

First Offense

Issuance of a warning letter by the YGCC Board, noting the breach of the Cart Path policy.

Second Offense

A letter from the YGCC Board suspending the member/public player cart privileges for two weeks.

Third Offense

Suspension of the member/public player cart privileges indefinitely.

Commitment

The Board is dedicated to maintaining optimal playing conditions and asserts that adherence to the Cart Path Policy is essential for fulfilling this commitment. Members are encouraged to do their part to ensure that our course remains in superior condition by adhering to this cart path policy.

Policy Review

Date of Policy approval – July 26th, 2024

Frequency of review – When deemed necessary by the board of directors