

# GolfWA Motorised Transportation Policy

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## 1. Approval History

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## 2. Distribution

Audience	Access
All	GolfWA Website, GolfWA Policy Manual

## 3. Required Reading

GolfWA Golf Operations Staff, Golf Operations Manager

## 4. Revision Schedule

Date of Next Review: As required.

Reviewer/s: Golf Events & Tournament Co-ordinator

## 5. Introduction and Purpose

The objects of Golf Western Australia (GolfWA) are to grow the game of golf through equitable and inclusive practices that provide opportunities for participation at all levels in golf. As a result GolfWA allows golfers to use motorised transportation for the majority of GolfWA events.

However, in the more prestigious events where golfing excellence is tested, GolfWA has to find a balance between fairness to all golfers in the field and the golfer who can only play the game using motorised transport.

Therefore golfers who have a medical condition which excludes them from playing golf without some form of motorised transportation are required to seek a qualified exemption.

## 6. Scope

GolfWA events to which this policy currently applies:

- Men's and Women's Amateur Championship of Western Australia
- Men's and Women's Senior Amateur Championship of Western Australia
- Foursomes Amateur Championship of Western Australia
- Bowra & O'Dea Women's Classic
- WA Open
- GolfWA Women's Weekend Division 1
- GolfWA Weekday Divisions 1 and 2
- GolfWA Men's Pennants (Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- GolfWA Junior Pennants
- All GolfWA Junior events

This policy may be applied to any golf event where it is stipulated in the conditions that Motorised Transportation Approval is required.

## 7. Definitions

**Motorised Transportation:** any motorised vehicle capable of carrying a player unsupported.

**Specialist Medical Practitioner:** A physician whose practice is limited to a particular branch of medicine or surgery. This does not include and is not limited to a General Practitioner, Physiotherapist or similar.

**Medical Condition:** A permanent disability, or recovery from a serious illness or injury that does not permit a player to reasonably walk the golf course.

## 8. Policy

Players will not generally be permitted to ride in or on any form of motorised transportation during the play of a hole. Authorisation may be made in the case of a player affected by a medical condition which makes it necessary for the player to use motorised transportation.

### a. Exceptions

1. Rules Referees or an Event Committee member may use motorised transportation to move a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play, where necessary, without penalty.
2. Where a player is granted permission to use motorised transport during events, the player's caddie is permitted to ride without separate permission being required.

### b. Application Process

To obtain authorisation to use motorised transportation a player will be required to complete the Motorised Transportation Application Form and return to Golf WA along with:

1. A letter from a **Specialist Medical Practitioner** stating:
  - a. The **Medical Condition** by which the player is affected,
  - b. The **Specialist Medical Practitioner's** opinion that the medical condition prevents the applicant from walking to play golf without some form of motorised transportation.
2. A letter from the player's home club confirming the applicant does not participate in any game of golf at the club without a motorised transport.

The authorisation of motorised transport use will be made by the GolfWA Operational staff or Tournament Committee.

Motorised transport usage during any GolfWA event where it is stipulated in the conditions that Motorised Transportation Approval is required would still require the individual to comply with any host venue requirements, restrictions and/or motorised transport availability.

GolfWA accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transportation at any club.

Any player who chooses to compete in an event when motorised transport is not available does so at their own risk.

### c. Penalties for Policy Breach

The player receives the general penalty (two shots in stroke or loss of one hole in match play) for each hole during which there is a breach of this policy. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

**NOTE: The penalties apply to any stipulated round of golf for which the motorised transport policy applies.**

#### **d. Approval Process**

Once the use of motorised transportation is approved, the applicant will receive a confirmation letter/email informing of the outcome within 10 working days. The golfer's name and club will appear on the Motorised Transportation List for Golf WA events. This list will be published on the Golf WA website.

Note: Approved applicants are responsible for supplying and/or booking and paying for motorised transport subject to the hosting venues motorised transport policies.

#### **e. Maintaining the GolfWA Motorised Transport List**

GolfWA will contact clubs to confirm their listed members only play golf using motorised transport to ensure the accuracy of the GolfWA Motorised Transport List.

#### **f. Right of Appeal**

Any golfer whose application has been disallowed may appeal the decision using the Complaint Handling Procedure (Part D) as outlined in GolfWA's current Member Protection Policy.