



Notice to Competitors – Cart Policy

The Georgia State Golf Association's overriding concern is the quality of their competitions. Powered golf carts have become a reality in modern golf and it is our goal to create an environment where golf carts pose as little interference and detriment to competitions as possible.

Powered golf carts pose a potential distraction to players, may physically interfere with play and damage the golf course. For these reasons, the Georgia State Golf Association feels that it is important to minimize the number of carts on the golf course during the play of their competitions and limit those who may drive and ride in these carts.

The caddie has a specific role in the game of golf and is referenced specifically in the Definitions of the Rules as follows:

A "caddie" is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists him in accordance with the Rules.

When one caddie is employed by more than one player, he is always deemed to be the caddie of the player whose ball is involved, and equipment carried by him is deemed to be that player's equipment, except when the caddie acts upon specific directions of another player, in which case he is considered to be that other player's caddie.

A golf cart is also referenced specifically in the Definitions of the Rules as Equipment:

.....Equipment includes a golf cart, whether or not motorized. If such a cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be that player's equipment.

Because of the way the Rules treat the caddie and his/her relationship to the player(s), situations arise in which a player can be penalized due to carelessness on the part of his caddie. This problem is magnified when carts are used. The selection of a caddie is an *important* decision. Remember that a player may only have one caddie, but a caddie may have two players. When a caddie, employed by two players, drives a golf cart, he is responsible as stated in the above definitions.

With these considerations in mind, the GSGA has adopted the following policy regarding the use of powered carts, during its competitions and this policy is a part of the GSGA "Rules of Play" which is distributed at the competitions:

GOLF CARTS

- a. Only a player or his caddie may ride in a cart, but NOT BOTH at the same time.**
- b. When circumstances are such that one or two players in a group wish to use a cart, that group is limited to a single cart; where three or four players in a group wish to use a cart, that group is limited to two carts. In no case shall there be more than two persons in a cart.**

Penalty for Breach of Policy:

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense:

Stroke Play: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: four strokes.

Match Play: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match shall be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred. Maximum deduction per round: Two holes.

Repeated Offense: Disqualification.

Spectator carts are specifically prohibited in most GSGA competitions.