

# **BLIND GOLF AUSTRALIA – CORE DOCUMENT 5**

## **BLIND GOLF AUSTRALIA MOTORISED CART POLICY**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The International Blind Golf Association (IBGA) had devised a similar policy allowing participants with a medical condition and **who had** provided a medical certificate and/or were over the age of 70 years to use a motorised cart on the golf course during IBGA sanctioned tournaments/events.
- 1.2 IBGA policy also allowed for all participants competing at an IBGA sanctioned international tournament/event the use of a motorised cart provided that there were sufficient motorised carts available for the entire field.
- 1.3 The former BGA policy only allowed for a golfer or caddy with a medical condition and a medical certificate and/or was over the age of 70 years the use of a motorised cart during a BGA sanctioned tournament/event.
- 1.4 Until the introduction of this Policy there had been many issues raised in the determination of the eligibility of golfers/caddies to the use of a motorised cart.

### **2. COMMENCEMENT**

- 2.1 The Blind Golf Australia (BGA) Motorised Carts Policy will come into operation for all golfers and caddies effective from 1st March, 2009. The BGA Motorised Carts Policy is to be used for all BGA Sanctioned tournaments/events.

### **3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BGA MEMBER ORGANISATION**

- 3.1 BGA and each BGA Member Organisation shall ensure that all golfers and caddies participating in any tournament/event are aware of the availability or non-availability of motorised carts during all BGA Sanctioned tournaments/events under their control.

### 3.2 Eligibility for the use of a motorised cart:

- a) All golfers and caddies may use a motorised cart provided sufficient motorised carts are available.

**Note: Vision impaired golfers must not attempt to drive a motorised cart at any time. A motorised cart which is driven by a vision impaired golfer will result in immediate disqualification of the golfer from the tournament being played.**

- b) If insufficient motorised carts are available to meet demand, the allocation of motorised carts shall be as follows:

- 1) First preference is to golfers and/or caddies with a medical certificate allowing the use of a motorised cart
- 2) Second preference is to golfers and/or caddies over the age of seventy (70) years
- 3) **Third Preference is to B1 golfers**
- 4) **Fourth** preference is that the allocation of remaining motorised carts will be carried out by way of a ballot supervised by the tournament/event organisers.

3.3 Where a caddy only requires the use of a motorised cart due to a medical condition and has provided a medical certificate or is over the age of seventy (70) years the golfer being guided by the caddy in question shall be entitled to ride in the same motorised cart.

3.4 At BGA sanctioned tournaments/events golfers and/or caddies will be responsible for covering the cost of their own motorised cart hire unless otherwise advised by the tournament organisers.

3.5 At an IBGA sanctioned tournament/event the host organisers will be responsible for covering the cost of motorised cart hire for those over 70 years of age or those that have a medical condition and provide a medical certificate.