

Golf Carts

Players and caddies are not permitted to use golf carts during official practice rounds or championship rounds (unless ADA approved through the USGA prior to the championship). If an ADA cart is approved, we will need to remove the roof from an existing cart in the club(s)' fleet

USGA Carts

The USGA will need approximately 30 golf carts for use at each course by the USGA rules officials and staff involved in conducting the championship. As match play progresses, the cart requirements also decrease.

These carts MUST be electric to reduce noise during play. The majority of these carts can be normal two-seat carts, however, it would be helpful for USGA staff to have the use of a flatbed cart for the use of marking the golf course. These carts can be stored in normal club facilities or a tent as needed. The Host Club should assign working staff or volunteers to manage the cart operation. Carts should be available by 5:30 a.m. each day. Carts may be returned as late at 9:00 p.m. each day. The USGA Office will print/email a list of those officials authorized to use a cart for each specific day or provide those individuals with "Cart Authorization Cards". The Host Club staff or volunteers should review the authorized list and verify each individual by credential. The USGA will also provide identification signs to be placed on the front of each cart. Carts should be cleaned before being distributed and towels should be on hand to handle morning moisture/dew.

These golf carts will need constant access to the golf course. The USGA and the Host Club should develop cart restrictions/regulations and provide suggested driving routes/short cuts.

Host Club Carts

The Host Club(s) will need a fleet of golf carts for operational uses including match play cart transportation (see separate section), for water distribution, for volunteer transportation as needed, etc. Many of these carts will need to be multi-passenger and flatbed carts so the Host Club should develop this list early to acquire these types.

ALL Host Club committee and staff MUST use electric carts.

All Host Club carts MUST have signage to describe their actual function. Carts should be used solely for this function and should never be used for watching golf, which often happens. The Host Club should make repeated reminders to all cart users about this point.

Match Play Transportation

Once match-play begins on Monday, transportation should be available for players if their match ends on the course (outside of walking distance to the clubhouse). This service is very busy on Monday afternoon for Round 1 and all day on Tuesday for Rounds 2 and 3. The USGA and the Host Club should mutually determine the best plan to provide for this transportation. Cart shuttles are the normal mode of transportation and if so chosen, ELECTRIC multi-passenger carts are the most efficient.

There are two basic ways to handle this transportation:

- 1) Identify specific points on the golf course as pick up locations and run continuous shuttles from those points to the clubhouse.
- 2) Have a group of carts (A.K.A The Vulture Carts) that will be dispatched to follow matches at a significant distance as they near completion and transport those players directly from the green where the match ends.

The USGA Rules Officials will notify transportation of the state of their match as it becomes "dormie". It is imperative that the transportation carts NOT follow or hover around matches. They should be parked conveniently and move when a match ends.

Physically Disabled Mobility Carts

All USGA championships should be ADA Accessible events. The USGA and Host Club should jointly write an ADA plan. Once this plan is formulated, anyone that might get inquiries should be aware of the plan and relay consistent information.

Mobility Scooters

The USGA is currently working on an agreement to provide scooter carts for all USGA championships with Pride Mobility. Pride will provide approximately 25 carts at no charge to the Host Club and Co-Host. The USGA will handle the costs involved renting these scooters and transporting them to and from the Host Club. Pride representatives will assist with the delivery but will NOT supply a person to assist with the set-up, charging and maintenance of the carts.

During stroke play, ten (10) scooters should be allocated to the Co-Host and the remaining 15 to the Host Club. Once stroke play concludes, all scooters should be distributed at the Host Club.

Space, Charging, and Distribution of Mobility Scooter Carts

Scooters need to be stored, charged and distributed in a convenient location so that as disabled spectators enter a championship admission gate, they can assess a scooter as needed. Depending on the logistics, this area may be in/near the clubhouse at an existing cart storage area or in a tent located near the admission gate.

Each scooter measures only 24" x 42". Therefore, the entire fleet of scooters can fit in a 20' x 20' space. Should a tent be necessary, the USGA suggests a 25' x 25'. This size tent will accommodate the scooters, a registration table and electrical lines. If a tent is needed, it should have at least three side walls to protect the carts from weather and provide better security. A 4' x 6' banquet table and two (2) chairs will be required.

Electrical

Each scooter comes equipped with a 3-amp charger and an electrical cord that can be plugged into a three-pronged, 110-volt electrical outlet. Therefore, the Host Club will need to provide enough outlets to match the quantity of carts. Total electrical requirement for a fleet of 25 carts is 75 amps.

Travel Routes on the Course/Maps

The Host Club should develop a course map with designated routes where carts are permitted and more importantly, prohibited. The USGA and the Host Club need to discuss to whom the calls should be directed in case there is a problem with the cart once it leaves the display area. This contact number can be placed on the bottom of the waiver.

Waiver & Incident Report Form

Pride will supply the Host Club a form/waiver to be signed upon signing out a disabled scooter. It is imperative that each person utilizing a scooter sign the waiver. This is typically handled through the golf shop. These waivers need to be given to the USGA at the conclusion of the championship. An Incident Report Form must also be completed in case of any injury or accident by someone using a scooter. This form must be given to both the Pride Representative and an additional copy given to the USGA.

Display & Availability

A Single scooter should be displayed outside of the golf shop or an appropriate area to let people know that they are available.

- Appropriate signage should be with the display scooter. Signage should recognize Pride Mobility.
- Distribution and availability of carts is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- We strongly suggest carts are not reserved or place-on hold. USGA supplies a sufficient quantity of scooters.