



St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks

Title: **Accommodations Guidelines and Golf Cart Flag and Accessibility Cart**

Policy No. G1

Internal and Public
Public

AFFECTS: All Employees & General Public

Arthur Shepherd, Director

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PURPOSE

Recreation and Parks recognizes that certain individuals with physical limitations require some relaxation of normal cart use rules to allow them to enjoy their round of golf through improved access to minimize physical demand and maintain an appropriate pace of play.

At the same time, accessibility flags do not provide unlimited access to the golf-course and it is expected that users understand the potential damage created by power carts and the resulting requirement for additional maintenance.

SUBTITLE

Guidelines for accommodations for golf cart accessibility flags and accessibility cart usage.

PROCEDURES

To gain eligibility for use of either a golf cart flag or accessibility cart the golfer must provide an MVA ADA card or an appropriate doctor's note. Golfers must sign the Accommodations Guidelines form and this and the eligibility documents will be kept on file in the pro shop.

Recreation and Parks reserves the rights to restrict cart access on the course at any time based on weather conditions or maintenance issues or concerns. Pro Shop staff will inform golfers of any restrictions at the time of registration.

Parking carts on the slopes or surrounds of the greens and tee boxes is prohibited.

ACCESSIBILITY FLAG

- 1) Flags are to be picked up and returned to the Pro Shop each visit.
- 2) The flag should be displayed prominently on the cart during the entire round of golf.
- 3) When a hole on the golf course has been designated **cart path only** the cart must remain on the cart path even if you the golfer is eligible for a flag
- 4) Carts should remain on the cart path when approaching the tee boxes, as much as possible.
- 5) Carts should not come within 30 feet of the greens.
- 6) Carts should be parked either on the side or in the rear of greens when possible.
- 7) Under no circumstances should a cart be driven between a green and a bunker.
- 8) Accessibility Flags apply only to the qualified individual with a disability, any able-bodied guests accompanying the person must walk to their ball.

ACCESSIBILITY CART

- 1) An accessibility cart is available for use at no additional cost for those who are eligible.
- 2) The cart may access the entire golf course unless weather conditions prohibit the use.
- 3) It is recommended that golfers reserve the use of the accessibility cart ahead of time to ensure its availability.

