

2026 NYSGA GOLF CART POLICY

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The following golf cart policies apply to all NYSGA competitions where carts are approved for use. Cart availability varies by event and will be stated in the Terms of Competition or Memorandum to Players. For the purposes of this document, “NYSGA” refers to the New York State Golf Association and its allied associations: the Buffalo, Capital Region, Triple Cities, and Syracuse District Golf Associations.

ONE-SEAT POLICY

The USGA’s One-Seat Policy is adopted for all NYSGA competitions where carts are approved for use. A player is entitled to use only one spot in a golf cart, which may be used by the player or the player’s caddie — never both at the same time, regardless of available space.

- The player’s caddie may drive the golf cart to assist the player during play (e.g., moving the cart from green to tee while the player walks), so long as the player and caddie are not riding in the cart at the same time.
- The player is responsible for any breach of the Rules by the caddie while driving the cart, including moving the player’s or an opponent’s ball at rest.
- A caddie driving a cart for their player must wear an NYSGA caddie bib.
- If two players in a group request a golf cart, one cart will be assigned to that group. If three players request a golf cart, two carts will be distributed.



If the player or the player’s caddie shows significant disregard for this policy, the player may be disqualified from the competition under the NYSGA Code of Conduct.

GENERAL CART RULES

- Carts must be driven in appropriate areas only and kept at least 10 yards from tees, bunkers, and putting greens.
- The driver of a golf cart must follow all on-course signage and instructions from NYSGA officials and host club staff.
- Players must not allow other individuals, such as spectators or volunteers, to drive, ride in, or ride on their golf cart during a stipulated round.
- No one may stand on the back or side of a golf cart while it is in motion.

SUSPENSION OF CART USE

The NYSGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe operation, disregard for NYSGA or host club policies, or any other circumstances where cart use would present a hazard to others or the golf course. Cart fee refunds are not guaranteed when use has been suspended and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

ADA CART REQUESTS

Players & Caddies: If a player or caddie has a disability and would like to ride in a golf cart throughout the stipulated round in addition to the player, approval will be granted consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Submission of the NYSGA Golf Cart Request Form is required.

Spectators: Spectators are not permitted the use of golf carts during practice or competition rounds. Limited exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for spectators with a disability who (1) complete and submit the NYSGA Golf Cart Request Form and (2) are approved by a member of the NYSGA staff.

ENFORCEMENT

If a player or the player’s caddie shows significant disregard for this policy, the player may be disqualified from the competition under the NYSGA Code of Conduct.

