

NYSGA “One-Seat” Cart Policy



At NYSGA Amateur Championships where carts are permitted, the following “one-seat” policy is in effect during the stipulated round.

- This “one-seat” policy allows the player’s caddie the opportunity to assist the player during play. For example, the player’s caddie may drive the golf cart if the player chooses to walk, move the cart for the player from green to tee, etc., so long as the player and the player’s caddie are not riding in a golf cart at the same time.
- If the player’s caddie is driving a golf cart, the player is responsible for any breach of the Rules by the caddie (such as moving the player’s or an opponent’s ball at rest).
- Golf carts may be requested by players only, and caddies are required to wear NYSGA caddie bibs during championship rounds.
- In stroke play, if two players in a group request a golf cart, only one cart will be distributed to that group. If three players request a golf cart, two carts will be distributed.
- The player should not allow other individuals, such as spectators or volunteers, to drive, ride in or ride on the player’s golf cart during a stipulated round.
- No one should stand on the back or side of the golf cart while it is in motion.

The NYSGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, the course officials, the golf course or other unforeseen circumstances.

Automotive transportation should be driven on such areas of the golf course indicated by the club or the NYSGA.

If the player or the player’s caddie shows significant disregard for this policy, the player may be disqualified from the competition under Rule 33-7.

The following is listed on the entry sections of NYSGA championships where carts are permitted.

TRANSPORTATION/CART REQUESTS: The player or the player’s caddie may ride in a golf cart during a stipulated round, but both may not ride at the same time. Additionally, the USGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, the course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances.

If the player’s caddie has a disability and the caddie would like to ride in a golf cart throughout the stipulated round in addition to the player, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled caddie may be permitted to use of a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.

To evaluate such requests, submission of the Golf Cart Request Form for the caddie is required (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a golf cart).

The Golf Cart Request Form and additional information are available at the following link:

<https://www.nysga.org/competitions-policies-and-procedures>