



## Blue Flag Use Policy Statement

The Picton Golf & Country Club recognizes that individuals using “blue flags” require some relaxation of normal cart use rules in order to allow them to enjoy their round of golf through improved access, minimizing physical demands and maintaining an appropriate pace of play. At the same time, “blue flag” users must be aware of the potential damage created by carts and the resulting requirements to additional maintenance. We trust that the following guidelines will allow “blue flag” users to continue to enjoy the game while ensuring that the course maintains the level of quality expected by members and guests.

- \* During certain times of the year, and/or during certain weather conditions, it may be necessary to restrict all carts, including “blue flag” carts to paths only. The club will endeavor to minimize any inconvenience that this may create. However, “blue flag” users will be expected to follow the instructions of Pro Shop staff with respect to path use.
- \* Except during periods when the course is path only, carts may be taken inside the limits of the fairways designated by “no carts” signage, excluding Par 3's, where cart path only remains in effect at all times. **However, carts shall not be taken onto the sloped areas of green and tee surrounds, on green approaches, or between bunkers and the putting surface.** Carts may be taken within the fairway approach up to, but not inside, a distance of 10 yards from the front of the putting surface.
- \* Cart users are required to use the paths around greens and tees, except on Holes 5,6,13 and 18, where carts may leave the path to park beside the red tees. Under no circumstances shall carts be driven from a green to the next tee except on the cart path.
- \* Carts are not permitted in the fescue (tall grass) rough areas of the golf course, as these areas are highly susceptible to damage from cart use.
- \* It should be understood that the relaxed cart rules are intended to provide assistance to the “blue flag” user only, and are not for the use of the passenger. Cart use to and from the passenger’s ball shall conform to normal cart etiquette and rules of use.
- \* “Blue flag” users are advised that any or all of the foregoing rules may be modified as and when required by weather or site conditions. In such cases, the Pro Shop will advise players accordingly.
- \* Blue flags will be provided by the Club and will be made available by the Pro Shop prior to each round of golf. Flags shall be returned to the Pro Shop on completion of the round.
- \* Pro Shop staff and on-course marshals will monitor “blue flag” cart use in accordance with the above-noted guidelines.
- \* All Players are required to complete a Blue Flag User Agreement prior to use.

**Members requiring the use of a blue flag over an extended period of time (more than 1 week) or entire season are asked to submit a request to the Board as soon as the need is known, stating the reason for prolonged blue flag use.**