

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

## Accessibility Guidelines for Golfers with Disabilities

In accordance with the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Monmouth County Park System will make reasonable accommodations at Park System golf courses in order to provide accessible play for golfers with disabilities. The Monmouth County Park System currently provides accommodations for individuals who require a single rider mobility cart, reasonable accommodations will also be made for persons who obtain a Player Assistant and/or Non-Player Special Needs card. All other accommodations will be made on a case by case basis.

- Reasonable accommodations for golfers with disabilities will include but not be limited to the following:
  - For golfers who identify themselves as mobility impaired and request accommodation, reasonable effort will be made to accommodate them.
  - The Park System's special single-rider power golf carts for mobility impaired golfers will be available with sufficient notice in advance of the day of play by calling the Golf Center to schedule the single-rider cart and determine if any cart restrictions are in place. The fee structure for the single rider cart is the same as a single rider in a double occupancy cart.
  - Under normal conditions at Charleston Springs, Hominy Hill, Howell Park, and Pine Brook, where continuous cart paths exist, golfers will observe the 90-degree rule and stay on the path for all par-3 holes. At Bel-Aire and Shark River, golfers will observe the 90-degree rule where cart paths exist. Golfers may drive to the ball, but must remain at least 30 feet from course features, including tees, mounds, bunkers, greens, naturalized uncut rough, or areas that are roped off or otherwise signed.
  - For the golfer with restricted mobility who must get within 30-50 feet of the ball, the single-rider cart may be driven to the edge of the feature. After playing the ball, the golfer will drive the single-rider cart back to the cart path, where paths exist, or to the ball.
  - For the golfer with severely restricted mobility who must hit immediately adjacent to or from the special cart, the single-rider cart may, when conditions are safe, be permitted to drive onto tees, mounds, and greens, and into bunkers in order for the golfer to play the ball. The single-rider cart may not be driven into naturalized uncut rough at any time.

- When restrictions apply to the use of power golf carts because they may result in an unsafe condition for the operator, or may cause immediate or lasting damage due to ground conditions that are too wet or too dry, or due to other factors that may damage the course, the same restrictions will apply to the mobility impaired single-rider cart. The golf course superintendent will be the sole judge in determining if immediate or lasting damage to the turf and the integrity of the course may result from the use of power golf carts.

The Park System will make other specific reasonable accommodations, as it deems appropriate on a case-by-case basis, in order to assist golfers with disabilities. This will include the following: issuing a Player Assistant Card; issuing a Non-Player Special Needs golf card; providing the playing assistant of a mobility impaired golfer and a Special Needs Non-Player the opportunity to rent a 2-person golf cart for the same fee as the single-rider cart and/or a ½ a full cart fee; and permitting the use of approved personally-owned golf carts for golfers with disabilities when a Park System special cart is either unavailable, or does not meet their special needs.

In additions, amenities of the golf course, including restrooms, portable toilets, and snack bars, shall be made accessible, in accordance with the Park System's ADA Buildings and Facilities Guidelines.