



Using Carts On Bermudagrass

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For some reason, our golf course staff does not want golf carts to be used on our hybrid bermudagrass fairways during January, February and March. I know of no other course in our region that has this guideline, and a large majority of our golfers disagree with it. What do you say?

This is a case where the maintenance standards of the golf course have placed a premium on having the best possible hybrid bermudagrass fairways in the winter and spring. As a result, your course has decided appropriately to restrict carts to the path during January, February and March. On the other side of the coin, we receive calls and emails during March from golfers who complain that “there’s no grass on the fairways.” This happens because carts beat down the dormant bermudagrass. Our position is that as long as the course officials know the facts, they are free to decide what’s best for them.