

## 5. GOLF CART REGISTRATION & USE POLICY

**Driving a golf cart** in the Park is a **privilege** and is subject to compliance with all golf cart rules and regulations. All **Golf Carts must be registered with the Park** and have a valid registration sticker properly displayed. Failure to register your golf cart or follow this policy will result in an “Official Ticket”, with a fine and possible loss of your driving privileges. As a golf cart owner, you are responsible for the condition of your cart at all times. **You are also responsible to see that you and anyone else** who drives your cart are familiar with all of the rules contained within and that they follow all of the rules and guidelines. If your golf cart is found in violation of any of the rules, you as the owner will be issued the ticket. Safety comes first.

**5.1** Only **registered golf carts may be driven** in the Park. Driving a golf cart without current registration will result in a fine for each occurrence.

**5.2** Golf carts must be **registered annually**. Golf carts are not allowed to be driven without the current season’s registration sticker displayed on cart. (Except to drive the golf cart, via most direct route, to the registration site just prior to the appointment time). Golf carts should be registered the first weekend of the season that you are up here that registration is open.

**5.3** **To register a golf cart** and receive sticker, the owner must:

- Pay a registration fee for **each cart**.
- Provide office with current proof of insurance for the golf cart.
- Have the golf cart inspected by Park management to confirm that all requirements (stated below) are met.

- Agree to assume responsibility for anyone that drives your golf cart.
- Sign the Seasonal / Lot Owner Golf Cart Registration and Usage Form. (Refer to Appendix G, “Golf Cart Registration & Usage Agreement”)

**5.4** Only licensed drivers (State or Park), over 15 years of age can drive a registered golf cart. Drivers under the age of 21 must have their permit or license with them while driving a golf cart.

**5.5** Golf cart requirements:

- Must be in **good working condition**.
- Must have **3” numbers**, indicating owner’s site number, on front and back of cart. The numbers must be easy to read and visible while cart is being driven.
  - **Front of cart** numbers must be centered on front cowl or lower part of the windshield. Black numbers are not allowed on the front windshield of the cart.
  - **Back of cart** numbers may be put on the rear side of cart instead of the center **if the inspector agrees** that they would be better read from that position. Back of cart numbers must be visible at all times, even when you have a passenger in the rear seat of the golf cart or when you have a cover on.
  - **Easily readable** numbers means that Security and others are able to read the number from a reasonable distance. There must be enough color contrast between the golf cart color and the number color so that the number clearly stands out and is readable day or night. Numbers must be readable at all times, even when the golf cart has an enclosure cover.

- Must have properly located “rules” decal on the steering wheel if possible. If not, and only if not possible, it must be placed on the driver’s side windshield in clear, easily readable view of the driver.
- Must have 2, **(one on each side), working front and rear lights.** Lights must clearly illuminate your path for driving, but not be aimed so high that they bother people in their sites. Lights must be visible at all times, even when the golf cart has an enclosure cover.
- Must meet **noise requirements.** If someone standing next to cart is having a conversation and can’t hear when your golf cart is running then the golf cart is considered too loud. Noisy golf carts cannot be driven after quiet time.
- **Excessively noisy carts may not be driven** at any time until repaired to be noise compliant.
- Must meet **emissions requirements;** it must not emit excess exhaust smoke. If your cart leaves a visible trail of smoke as it is driven, it emits excess exhaust smoke and must be repaired.
- Must have **working brakes,** regular and parking.
- Must have reasonably **good tires** with sufficient tread showing on entire tire.
- **Optional equipment** such as radios and mirrors must be installed in such a way as not to obstruct your view or interfere in any way with the ability to operate the cart.
- **Horns are not allowed** to be used in Park.

## 5.6 Golf cart rules:

- The **speed limit** within the Park is **5 MPH.** You must drive slowly and exercise extreme caution when operating any type of motor vehicle on Park roads. Children are playing throughout the Park and simply don't watch for traffic. **SPEEDING** will be enforced by means of, but not limited to, a radar detector.
- **Park signs** must be complied with at all times. Starting 2012, golf carts are exempt from “One Way” streets, but must yield to oncoming traffic or pedestrians.
- Golf carts must **yield the right of way to pedestrians.**
- Golf carts must be **driven over,** not around, **speed bumps.** **All 4 tires** must go over the speed bump. Drive over speed bumps at a safe speed for you, your passengers and the golf cart. Do not drive around a speed bump in order to make way for advancing vehicles (including tractor); stop on side of road and wait for traffic to pass by.
- Golf carts can only be **driven** inside the Park **on roadways** and not on the grass, except to access a Park activity via a designated route; the shortest route between the road and the event.
- Under **no** circumstance can a golf cart be driven **on grassy hills or the basketball, shuffleboard and tennis courts.** You may not drive **across the baseball field** to get to the opposite or adjacent roads.
- Golf carts **cannot be driven outside of the Park** without management permission. Generally the only exception to drive outside the park will be to caravan with a Park management led group to view fireworks. Driving down to the lake or to the golf course is strictly prohibited.

- The **number of people allowed** on a golf cart is limited to the number of seats on the cart. Everyone riding in the cart **must sit** in a seat in the manner in which the seats were designed. No kneeling on seats, standing on the back of the footrest, or sitting on fenders will be allowed. This is very dangerous. Feet are to be kept inside the cart at all times.
- **No one is allowed to sit on the driver's lap** or on the seat just in front of the driver's lap; this includes, but not limited to infants and toddlers.
- **Only the driver is allowed to steer the cart.** A person sitting next to the driver is not permitted to steer the cart; not even 'just a little'.
- Drivers **under 21** are **not allowed** to operate a golf cart **during quiet hours**.
- **3-wheel** golf carts are **not allowed**.
- **Joy riding / horseplay** such as racing, off-roading, tail gating, playing chicken or bumper cars is **not allowed**. It is very dangerous and may cause an accident or injury.
- **Loud music** from golf carts is **not allowed**. Music must be at a level that can be heard by the operator and passengers only.
- Be **conscious of the conversational noise** (loud laughing and talking), especially during quiet hours.
- Use of **horns** is **not allowed**.
- Always **drive responsibly** when driving a golf cart or any vehicle.

#### 5.7 Proper **maintenance of golf carts** includes, but not limited to:

- Check **lights** often. One light may be burnt out and suddenly the second light burns out leaving you in the dark.
- Keep **tires** in good condition. Worn tires are a hazard. A sudden flat tire or blow out may cause you to lose control of your cart.

- Be sure **brakes** work properly and that the parking brake locks. Brakes are an extremely important item on the cart. They may save your life or the life of another.
- Check the **steering wheel and column** for loose or worn parts.
- Monitor **exhausts system** for excess noise and smoke.

#### 5.8 Golf Cart **handling and potential hazards**:

- **Speed** is one of the most underrated dangers there are in all types of driving, including golf carts. Speed limit throughout the Park is posted at 5mph. You must take into consideration the amount of traffic in the Park including golf carts, cars and pedestrians. All drivers are expected to learn how to judge their speed and adjust it to accommodate dangerous situations. Some areas that should be given special attention are near playgrounds, pools, the lodge, the "hey ride" loading/unloading area and any activity area where there is a large amount of people – SLOW DOWN, use caution and common sense.
- If you have the **gas pedal fully depressed**, and you are not going up a hill, **you are speeding**.
- **Avoid fast or sudden turns**. Golf carts are not made for racing, they can, AND WILL, tip over if sudden turns are made when going too fast or when on an incline. This could cause you, or your passenger to be thrown from the cart.
- Never assume that you have the **right of away**. Golf carts are much smaller and harder to see than cars. Give the right of way to cars and trailers for this reason. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way; you must always stop and allow them to pass by.

### 5.9 Obtaining a **Park Driving Permit**:

- Seasonal and Lot Owners between the **ages of 15 and 21** without a valid operating permit from the state in which he or she resides can obtain a Park Driving Permit. All other campers are not eligible for a Park Driving Permit.
- The applicant must come with **proof of age (certified)** copy of birth certificate or state ID).
- Applicant may have to take a **short quiz** on the golf cart rules & guidelines.
- Applicant may have to take a **test drive** with a Park staff member to confirm ability to handle the golf cart.
- Driver will receive a **Park Driving Permit** with their picture to be carried with them at all times.

### 5.10 Additional rules applicable to **driver with a Park Driving permit**

- Driver with Park Driving Permit is required to **follow all the rules** stated in this policy and subject to fines.
- A driver with **Park Driving Permit** is **not** allowed to **drive** a golf cart during **quiet times**.
- **Being disrespectful** to Park Security or Management while driving the golf cart will result in the Park Driving Permit being taken away. The privilege to drive will be suspended until Park management meets with parents and the matter is successfully resolved. Rude or impolite behavior is considered a sign that you are not mature enough to handle the responsibility to drive a golf cart.
- Any **violation** of the Golf Cart rules will result in a corner being clipped off from the Park Driving Permit or complete **forfeiture** of Permit, depending on the severity. After fourth corner of permit is clipped, the Park Driving Permit will be forfeited for the remainder of the year.