



MOTORISED GOLF CART RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES – MAINTAINING YOUR GAME

General:

- Inspect and maintain cart paths
- Post danger signs at steep hills, drop offs, hidden hazards, road crossings, etc.
- If carts must cross public roads, post Road Warning signs for cart drivers; post Cart Crossing signs beside the road for vehicle drivers; and cut back shrubs and bushes to allow maximum visibility to both drivers.
- Keep carts out of parking lots

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Inspection, testing and maintenance:

- Routine Maintenance
- Brakes, steering, etc. should be checked / tested by staff every time a cart is returned or rented out.
- Any cart with any discovered deficiency should be pulled out of service “immediately”.
- If a power cart is involved in an accident / incident it should be removed from service and checked by the club’s mechanic immediately to ensure that there is no damage and to confirm that there was no “mechanical” failure(s). The mechanic and/or the Superintendent should file a detailed written incident & fitness report with the Club Manager.

Driver Restrictions:

- Identify all cart renters / drivers after the fact. (Name, address, driver’s license number, etc.)
- Minimum age - 16 years (with driver’s license) – 21 years without
- **ANYONE WITHOUT A DRIVER’S LICENSE SHOULD BE GIVEN A SHORT “TRAINING SESSION” TO ENSURE THEIR ABILITY TO DRIVE.**
- Any renter not known to the staff should be “asked” if they are familiar with power cart use.
- Post operating instructions in carts.
- Common sense safety rules should be published (stickers on carts) AND ENFORCED (even for staff):
 - ⇒ Maximum 2 people on a cart **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**,
 - ⇒ No underage, non-golfing passengers,
 - ⇒ No alcohol consumption on the cart,
 - ⇒ No rentals to already apparently impaired individuals,
 - ⇒ Immediate removal of carts from any golfer appearing impaired,
 - ⇒ Drivers must keep both feet “inside” the cart,
 - ⇒ Both driver and passenger must remain seated during operation,
- Marshalls and staff should be trained to watch for these “bad habits” and enforce the rules.

Waivers & Indemnity Agreements:

- All rentals should be subject to written and signed rental agreement.
- Agreements should include BOTH a WAIVER and an INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (covering both damage to the cart and damage or injury to others).
- Credit Card Deposits for damage (both to carts and others) should be taken.
- For members, an annual Cart Usage Agreement including both Waivers & Indemnity agreements is adequate.