

2024 Lake Placid Golf Cart Safety Policy & Procedure

The use of golf carts at Lake Placid Conference Center is a privilege that comes with responsibility. This policy is established to ensure the safety of all drivers, passengers, and pedestrians while operating golf carts on camp property.

I. Driver Eligibility and Training:

- All individuals operating a golf cart must be trained and approved as drivers by the NextGen Director.
- All drivers must be 18 years or older.
- Training will include understanding and adhering to this safety policy.
- Golf carts brought from outside sources must provide proof of insurance and have been approved by NextGen Director in advance.

II. Occupancy and Seating:

- Drivers and passengers must remain seated at all times while the vehicle is in motion.
- Never exceed the number of available seats for the number of passengers.

III. Speed and Pedestrian Right of Way:

- Reduce speed when approaching pedestrians, who always have the right of way.
- Reduce speed when turning or passing through narrow spaces such as bridges.
- Do not adjust or tamper with rented golf carts that have a governor.

IV. Parking and Emergency Access:

- Do not park carts where they will block emergency access or exits.
- Secure carts when not in use, and remove keys when unattended.

V. Cart Operation and Passengers:

- Carts should only be used on camp property and on appropriate paths or roadways.
- All passengers should keep hands, arms, legs, and feet within the confines of the golf cart at all times when the cart is in motion.
- Maintain adequate distance between vehicles and pedestrians when operating carts.
- Never back up without looking to see what is behind the cart.
- Do not drive during lightning. Seek appropriate shelter if lightning is present.
- All passengers must be staff of the camp attending, unless emergency situation is required because of sick or injured camper, with the exception of approved passenger by the NextGen Director.

VI. Night Driving Restrictions:

- Night driving is limited to roadways on Lake Placid except when in emergency situations where security or nurse are needed.

- Night driving is explicitly banned for all vehicles unless the vehicle is equipped with headlights, taillights, turn signals, and a windshield.
- Vehicles should have keys removed and parked overnight.

VII. Vehicle Signage:

- All vehicles are assigned before each week of camps starts. Signage on vehicle will show who it belongs to.
- Vehicles are assigned to that person or team only.
- Vehicles will not be used by anyone other than assigned person unless expressly asking person assigned to that vehicle.

VIII. Prohibited Activities:

- Racing is not allowed.
- No one is allowed to stand on a moving vehicle.
- Make only slow, controlled turns to avoid rollovers.

IX. Reporting and Maintenance:

- Report any damage or mechanical concerns immediately for prompt repairs.
- Ensure that the golf cart is properly stored and secured after use.

By following these guidelines, we aim to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all camp participants. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the revocation of golf cart privileges. Your commitment to safety is crucial to the success of this program.