

## Amended Golf Cart Regulations (amended June, 2, 2012)

Golf Cart Regulations have been amended as follows:

### With regard to registration:

- 1) All registrations for seasonal registration must be POW property owners.
- 2) Golf cart owner will receive, and acknowledge receipt of, the Golf Cart regulations upon registration.
- 3) Registration application must state capacity of golf cart (weight and/or number of passengers).
- 4) Insurance – proof of insurance including company and policy # with copy of insurance certificate w/min coverage of \$300,000 (this is typically an amendment to a home owners' policy).
- 5) Assignment of a golf cart identification # that is to be displayed at all times.

### During the registration process each cart will be inspected for the following:

- 1) Proof of proper lighting (front and rear)
- 2) Proof of insurance (presentation of insurance certificate)
- 3) Display of proper identification number on both sides of golf cart below the seat on the side panel.

## Golf Cart Parking

An area in the existing parking lot will be designated for golf cart parking only. It is intended to expand the current area for more golf cart parking. Security will be instructed to keep watch for all parking violations including monitoring handicap areas for proper stickers and overcrowding in limited designated areas. Note: Golf carts are not required to park in this designated area.

## Enforcement

- 1) **Golf carts (within POW) are considered motor vehicles and as such must follow all POW motor vehicle ordinances.** Note: A first violation is subject to fine. POW security is NOT required to issue a “warning” for violations of these, or any, POW ordinances.

The enforcement of the following is particularly important for golf cart safety:

- a. All drivers must have a valid state driver’s license (any US state) and all Connecticut laws for 16 and 17 year old drivers will apply, which means, curfews and passenger restrictions shall apply. Under-age drivers are strictly prohibited to operate vehicles at POW.
  - b. Speed limit is no greater than 15 mph
  - c. All vehicles must stop at stop signs and adhere to other rules of the road (e.g. turn signals, safe distance between vehicles, no talking on cell phones while driving, etc.)
  - d. Reckless or careless driving which puts pedestrians or passengers at risk is prohibited
  - e. Carry more passengers than the cart is rated for, also overloading carts with beach gear, tubes and floatation equipment, which makes driving unsafe is prohibited (definition or overloading shall be developed)
  - f. Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited
- 2) All golf carts must be registered with POW security at the beginning of each season and prior to use on POW roads
  - 3) Registration identification number must be displayed on the carts at all times
  - 4) Fines will be issued for violations of these regulations. Unpaid fines will result in loss of parking permits and boat basin eligibility. Property owners are responsible for any unpaid fines issued to anyone residing at, visiting or renting their property.
  - 5) If a golf cart is issued 2 violations, in one year regardless of the drivers, the right to use that golf cart will be denied. Appeals may be made to the BOG to reinstate this privilege in the future. In the case of underage driving and/or driving while under the

influence of drugs or alcohol, golf cart privileges will be revoked immediately (1 violation)

- 6) Excessive noise and horseplay on golf carts is not allowed.