

## **Point O'Woods Golf Cart Rules and Regulations**

1) Golf carts (within POW) are considered motor vehicles and as such must follow all POW and Connecticut State motor vehicle ordinances and laws. 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.

1) 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. The golf car is overloaded if:
  - i) It is carrying more persons than registered to carry.
  - ii) Weight capacity for the model golf cart is exceeded (usually 800 lbs.).
  - iii) Chairs, floats, etc. are not securely stored and/or tied down prior to driving.
  - iv) Kayaks, surf boards, skim boards or boogie boards on roof which are not secured to the roof of the cart by reliable restraints.
  - v) Driver's view is inhibited creating an unsafe condition.
  - vi) Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited and results in automatic 1-year revocation of Point O'Woods Golf Cart Registration. Reinstitution require Board of Governors vote.

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 (1st violation)

6) Excessive noise or reckless operation of golf carts are not allowed.

7) Parking is only allowed in designated areas.

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I have read and understand the above golf cart regulations as established by the POW Board of Governors, and I agree that in order to be allowed the privilege of using my golf cart on POW roads, I will adhere to these rules and I will make sure that anyone I allow to use my golf cart understands and adheres to these rules, or this privilege can be denied. I also understand that I am responsible to paying any violations fine attributed to this golf cart, regardless of who is operating it.

Golf cart owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_