

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF GOLF CARS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

We feel that each and every golf course in America will have rules and regulations which only pertain to their particular course. This set of rules which we are recommending are general rules and regulations which will pertain to all golf courses. They are being listed here to help stress the proper use of carts so there will be a minimum of damage to the golf course and all people using them will receive maximum enjoyment from the cart as well as the golf course.

1. Carts shall NOT be operated on the tees. Use parking areas provided whenever possible. Do not park on the slopes of the tees.
2. Carts Shall NOT be driven within 15 yards of any putting green, particularly through areas between the green and the adjacent sand traps.
3. DO NOT operate carts on the Slopes of the greens.
4. NO MORE than two persons shall ride on a cart at any time. This rule is recommended to prevent over weight on the tires which will cause severe compaction of the soil.
5. Children under 16 years of age shall not operate the carts.
6. FOR PRIVATE CLUBS. Members shall be responsible for the actions of their guests while the guests are operating the carts.
7. Excessive speed or reckless driving is prohibited.
8. Avoid all low wet areas.
9. Upon posted notice at the starting tee, carts may be prohibited entirely because of course conditions.
10. Obey all path indicators on the course.
11. Remember, these carts can be tipped and serious injuries may be the result of improper use.
12. Lock parking brake when vehicle is left unattended, on an incline. Be sure parking brake is released during operation.
13. It is extremely dangerous to carry a club in your hand while driving or riding in a moving cart.
14. Do not make a sharp turn at high speeds or on the downslope of a hill. The cars can be upset.
15. The car is yours for pleasure — Respect the condition of the turf and obey the rules so that the use of cars can be practical.

Along with these rules we would also recommend the following.

Clubs should consult with their Superintendent in matters of golf cars. He will be able to advise them on such things as tire size, weight, and what type of brake system a cart should have. We have no recommendations to make concerning electric cars vs. gasoline cars. Both types have their good points as well as their bad. Many of the present cars are too fast.

The golf course Superintendent should be the only one to make the decisions concerning the use of the carts on wet days and the club officials should back up his recommendations.

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Speaking of Golf, one of the champs at a golf club is a bespectacled gentleman, well past middle age, who is a demon at dropping long putts from the far extremities of the greens. Somebody asked him how he holed out so accurately.

"Well, I'll tell you," he said. "These glasses of mine are bifocals. When I line up a putt, I look through the edges of the two lenses so I see two balls, one small and one big, and two holes, one small and one big.

"Then it's simple. I just knock the small ball into the big hole."