

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
GOLF CART/GATOR RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

The following risk management recommendations should be followed while using golf carts:

- Do not allow unauthorized individuals to borrow the cart.
- Do not allow minors to operate the golf cart under any circumstances.
- Each operator of a cart should have a valid driver's license.
- All operators should familiarize themselves with the controls – key starter, accelerator, brakes, reverse, and steering.
- The number of passengers allowed on the cart should be restricted to the number of seats available on the cart. Most carts are designed for a driver and one passenger.
- Do not allow anyone to drive the cart while taking medication that results in drowsiness or inability to concentrate.
- The carts should not be operated by anyone while drinking an alcoholic beverage, and should never be operated by an intoxicated driver.
- The operator should understand the weather conditions. If the weather is bad, the operator should adjust his/her speed when necessary. The operator should allow for extra stopping distance on wet surfaces or icy surfaces.
- The operator should always operate the cart in a defensive manner. The operator should never assume that he/she has the right of way. Pedestrians should be approached with caution and should be made aware of the operator's presence – a horn or bell may be appropriate. The operation should be aware of and react properly to bicyclists and motor vehicles.
- The cart should never be operated on public roads, unless it is only to cross. All traffic signals and right of way rules should be obeyed. All turns should be properly signaled and directions checked before a turn is made or before entering an intersection.
- When approaching public roads, the operator should slow down and stop before entering or crossing the road. All approaches to an intersections should be checked twice before crossing. The operator should be aware that the cart does not accelerate as quickly as most vehicles. Extra time should be allowed when crossing an intersection.
- Caution should be used when going downhill; reduce the speed, be prepared to brake and avoid sharp turns.

I have read, understand and will abide the above Golf Cart/Gator Guidelines.

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Signature	Printed Name
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