

# RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNORING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES ON MISSOURI FOX TROTTING HORSE BREED ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the rules and regulations, which govern the use and operation of golf carts and all other terrain or similar vehicles. For the purpose of these rules all similar vehicles will be referred to as golf cars. All golf carts or similar type vehicles are required to be registered with the MFTHBA office and have paid a \$5.00 for permit. ATV's without steering wheels are prohibited.

## 2. POLICY

It is the policy of the MFTHBA to foster an environment which is as safe and free from hazards, as is possible. As with any other transportation vehicle, golf carts which are used either regularly or occasionally must be operated in such a way as to safeguard members, horses, visitors and employees from potential risks.

## 3. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all persons who operate or ride in golf carts on MFTHBA property.

## 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective immediately and supersedes any prior issued concerning these issues.

## 5. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules will apply:

- A. Obey all traffic regulations for the safe use of a motor vehicle. Do not drive at excessive speeds. Observe all stop signs. Slow down for all speed bumps. Keep arms and legs inside cart when vehicle is moving.
- B. "Governors" are devices installed on carts to control speed; as such they should not be removed or tampered with.
- C. Yield the right of way to Horses, Pedestrians, and Cars regardless of whether a posted traffic sign is visible.
- D. If vehicle is not equipped with lights, a light or bright flashlight must be used during hours of darkness.
- E. **Only persons authorized may operate golf carts. (i.e. you must have a valid state motor vehicle driver's license, permits are not accepted.)**
- F. Keep carts on street and designated areas.
- G. The number of occupants is limited to the passengers as provided by the manufacturer, i.e., 2 passenger, 4 passenger, etc. NO Riding on front, back, or sides is permitted.
- H. Do not drive across steep slopes or over curbs. Use regular access.
- I. Reduce speed when negotiating corners, particularly blind corner.
- J. Do not race; keep safe distances from horses and pedestrians.
- K. Report all accidents immediately to the office or show personnel. In cases of emergency, seek immediate assistance and report the accident as soon as practicable.
- L. MFTHBA and any co-sponsoring organization shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or for loss or damage of property, occurring at any MFTHBA activity. Each owner, operator or passenger shall indemnify and hold harmless the MFTHBA, its officers, directors, committees, and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes of actions and expenses of every kind, including attorney fees, arising out of or related in any manner to the actions or omissions of an owner, operator or passenger.
- M. The operator/driver is responsible for any property damage occurring while on MFTHBA property.

## 6. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS POLICY

Questions concerning this policy should be addressed to the MFTHBA Board of Directors.

## 7. PUNISHMENT

Any violation of these rules may be subject to the punishment as described in the current MFTHBA regulations concerning the violations of the MFTHBA Rules and Regulations.