

Old North State Council



Golf Cart Policy

Effective Date:	Rev. 7-6-15
Initiating Authority:	Enterprise Risk Management Committee
Other Authorities:	Council Camping Committee
Purpose:	<p>The health and safety of all staff and participants at our council Scout camps and at other council events is the most important consideration when developing policy guidelines. For the sake of safety, motor vehicles in council camps and at council events are limited to those that are necessary to meet camp and activity needs and to provide transportation in camp when there is a true need.</p> <p>To ensure safety, these vehicles must be well maintained, be inspected by an individual authorized by the council to ensure they meet policy guidelines and be authorized for use within the boundaries of council property or at council events.</p> <p>The council understands that there are times when these vehicles may mean the difference in whether or not an individual is able to participate. Reasonable concessions will be made for those participants with a medical necessity.</p>
Policy Statement:	<p>Prior approval is required before golf carts not belonging to the council are brought onto council property or to council events for use by non-staff. Individuals must provide proof of medical necessity through a Handicapped sticker in their name provided through the NC Department of Transportation or a note (on letterhead or prescription blank) from their health care provider deeming it a medical necessity.</p>
Definitions:	<p>Council, district, or camp owned golf cart refers to any golf cart owned, rented, or on loan to the council, a district, or council camp.</p> <p>Personal golf cart refers to any golf cart brought to camp by any adult for personal use for themselves or other camper.</p>
Scope:	Applies to council owned or operated golf carts and participants who wish to have a golf cart for use at a council camp or activity due to medical necessity.
Procedure:	<p>The following policy guidelines govern the use of golf carts within the boundaries of Old North State Council property and at Old North State Council events.</p> <p>Golf carts must, in accordance with council and BSA policy,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be well maintained and pass inspection by a council authorized inspector. 2. Gas for gas powered personal golf carts is the responsibility of the individual bringing the golf cart to camp or other event. Electric golf carts are allowed with an additional \$5.00 per day fee for electrical hookup. No Gators, ATV's, mules, three wheeled vehicles (including old golf carts), or other type vehicles are allowed. 3. Operators and passengers must use safety belts, if provided by the original manufacturer (FA-711).

4. Have headlights. Otherwise the golf cart will be authorized for use only during daylight.

Authorized drivers for **personal golf carts**

1. Drivers are at least 18 years of age.
2. Must observe council camp and council event speed limits (10mph).
3. Are responsible for the safe operation and condition of the vehicle.
4. Are responsible for the maintenance and fuel needs of the vehicle.
5. Must drive in a courteous manner and yield right-of-way to pedestrians.
6. Must park only in designated parking areas—no golf carts in program areas.
7. Must have any fuel for use in their golf cart in an approved container and delivered for storage in a designated and locked council camp storage area. There will be designated times when fuel may be accessed. Fuel will not be provided by the camp.
8. Must report accidents to the camp ranger, camp director or program director **immediately.**
9. May not transport youth passengers unless medically necessary and/or preapproved by camp staff.
10. May not transport more passengers than the number of seats on the golf cart.

Authorized use of **council/district/camp golf carts**

1. Drivers are at least 18 years of age.
2. Must observe council camp and council event speed limits (10mph).
3. Are responsible for the safe operation and condition of the vehicle.
4. Are responsible to ensure the maintenance and fuel needs of the vehicle.
5. Ensure a fire extinguisher and first aid kit are on the golf cart when in use.
6. Must drive in a courteous manner and yield right-of-way to pedestrians.
7. Must report accidents to the camp ranger, camp director or program director **immediately.**
8. May transport staff, adult participants and youth participants (in accordance with Youth Protection guidelines) with approval from the camp director.
9. May not transport more passengers than the number of seats on the golf cart.

A camp “Authorized Vehicle” sticker will be issued to be placed on the golf cart after inspection. The sticker must remain on the golf cart while in camp or at the council event. The inspection and sticker are valid from the date on the sticker until the end of the activity or event. Golf carts restricted to daylight use will have this noted on the sticker. The authorized driver of the golf cart will be given a safety briefing for use of the golf cart and will sign an agreement to use the golf cart in accordance with policy. Authorization to use the golf cart at a council camp or at a council event may be revoked by the camp director, program director or member of the council professional staff for unsafe use of the golf cart or violation of any part of this policy.

It is recommended that day visitors participating in non-Scouting events meet council guidelines for use of golf carts on council property; however, use of non-council golf carts shall be at the discretion of the camp master/activity director and/or the professional adviser for the activity.

Related Documents:

Old North State Council Agreement for Use of a Golf Cart at Council Camps and Council Events, Golf Cart Sticker

	Signature	Date
Reviewed/Revised:	<i>Ed Martin, Scout Executive</i>	<i>5/17/18</i>
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