Golf carts as defined in this policy are typically utilized on golf courses, but by the event team are used during events to transport passengers and equipment. This policy is meant to help ensure the safe operation of carts by event staff.

This policy is specifically meant for golf carts that are not street legal, are specifically meant to move people and gear, and do not contain seat belts. This policy does not cover non-passenger cart, also known as utility carts and gators.

1. All golf cart drivers must attend a training session prior to operating golf carts, and must be under the supervision of a trained event staff member while operating carts.

2. All drivers should have a valid driver’s license, and a Xerox copy of driver’s license should be taken prior to operating the golf cart.

3. Drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

4. Golf carts shall observe all vehicle traffic laws (e.g. stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, etc).

5. Vehicles shall not be operated in a manner that may endanger passengers, other members of the campus community, or property.

6. Horseplay on golf carts is not allowed.

7. The number of passengers and load capacity shall not exceed the manufacturer’s rated limit. Passengers must be in seats.

8. Passengers and drivers must hold on to the golf cart at all times while cart is in motion.

9. Radio and cell phone communications by driver are not allowed while moving.

10. Operators must not exceed 15 M.P.H. For carts without speedometers, operators should not operate carts at maximum speed.

11. All loads carried on carts must be tied down or secured.

12. Golf cart-type vehicles are restricted to streets, sidewalks, and paths on the University campus.
13. Staff will establish approved golf cart route prior to event use.

14. Routes should be checked by supervisor to identify areas of caution or reduced speeds zones. Drivers should slow when approaching such areas, or if traveling over paths which have not been assessed. Included in training session will be instructions on which paths to use.

15. Operators must reduce speed to match other users on all streets, sidewalks, and paths. In congested pedestrian areas, operators must either park or proceed at a slow walking pace.

16. Vehicles can only be parked on hard surfaces and must not block any entrances to buildings, stairways, ramps, or thoroughfares.

17. Recharging vehicle outdoors must be done in a covered and weather protected area.

18. Report all work-related injuries or near miss incidents to supervisor as soon as possible. Incident report instructions: http://www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsoars/index.shtm